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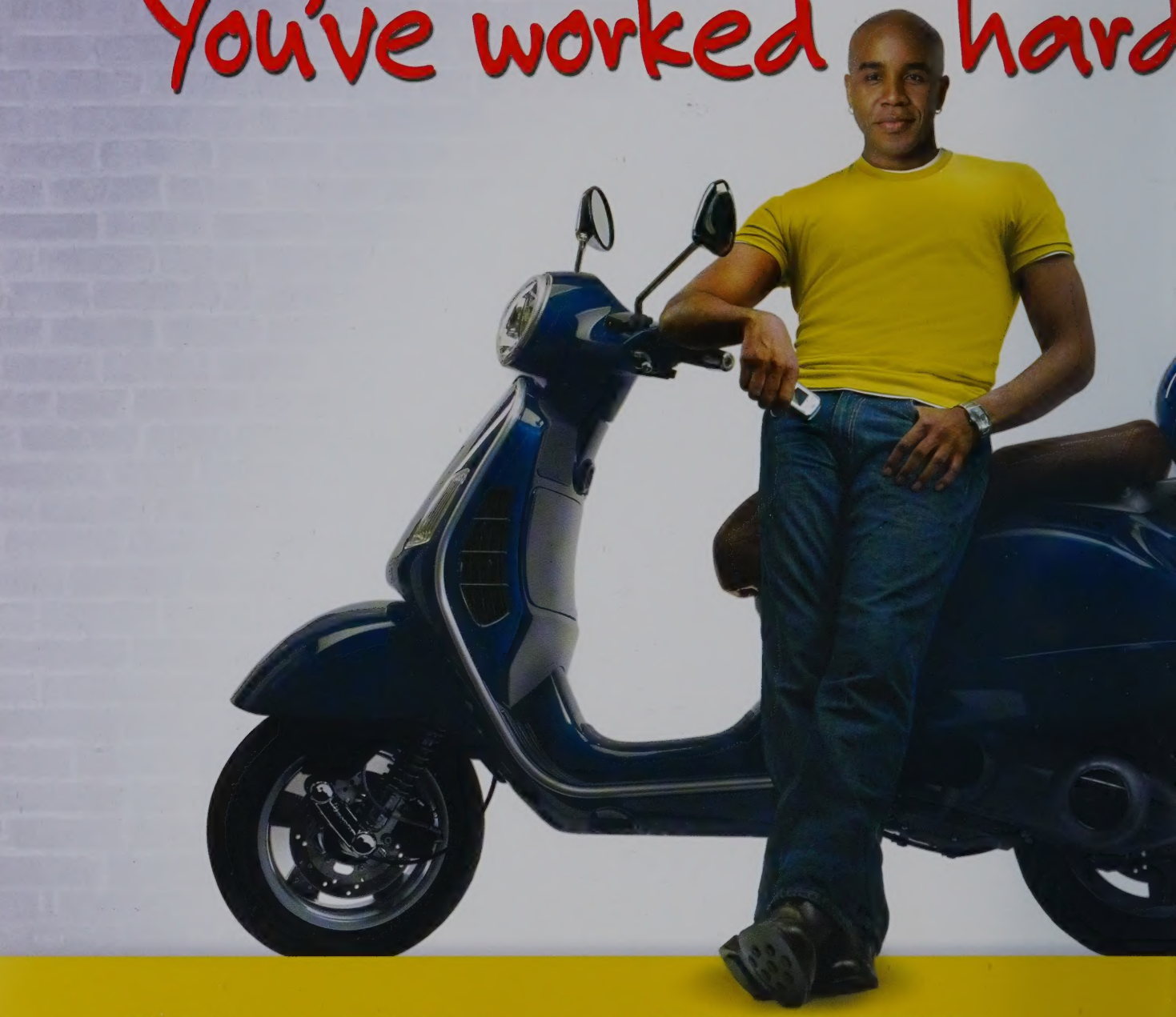

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TRUVADA is indicated in combination with other antiretroviral agents (such as non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors or protease inhibitors) for the treatment of HIV-1 infection in adults.

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- **Lactic acidosis** (a buildup of acid in the blood) can be a medical emergency and may need to be treated in the hospital. **Call your healthcare provider right away** if you have nausea, vomiting, unusual muscle pain, and/or weakness
- **Serious liver problems** (hepatotoxicity), with liver enlargement (hepatomegaly) and fat in the liver (steatosis), may occur. Call your healthcare provider right away if you have light colored stools, dark colored urine, and/or if your skin or the whites of your eyes turn yellow
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- Bone changes: It is not known whether long-term use of TRUVADA causes damage to your bones. If you have had bone problems in the past, talk to your healthcare provider before taking TRUVADA

Changes in body fat have been seen in some people taking anti-HIV medicines. The most common side effects of TRUVADA when taken with other anti-HIV medicines are dizziness, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, headache, abdominal pain, depression, rash, and gas. Skin discoloration (spots and freckles) may also occur.

Discuss all medicines you take with your healthcare provider and be aware:

- Your healthcare provider may need to follow you more closely or adjust your therapy if you are taking Videx®, Videx® EC, Reyataz®, or Kaletra® with TRUVADA

For more information, please visit **www.TRUVADA.com** or call **1-800-GILEAD-5 (1-800-445-3235)** and select option 2. **Please see Patient Information on the next page.**

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Patient Information

TRUVADA® (tru-VAH-dah) Tablets

Generic name: emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate
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Read the Patient Information that comes with TRUVADA before you start taking it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking to your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment. You should stay under a healthcare provider's care when taking TRUVADA. **Do not change or stop your medicine without first talking with your healthcare provider.** Talk to your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you have any questions about TRUVADA.

What is the most important information I should know about TRUVADA?

- **Some people who have taken medicine like TRUVADA (nucleoside analogs) have developed a serious condition called lactic acidosis** (build up of an acid in the blood). Lactic acidosis can be a medical emergency and may need to be treated in the hospital. **Call your healthcare provider right away if you get the following signs or symptoms of lactic acidosis.**
  - You feel very weak or tired.
  - You have unusual (not normal) muscle pain.
  - You have trouble breathing.
  - You have stomach pain with nausea and vomiting.
  - You feel cold, especially in your arms and legs.
  - You feel dizzy or lightheaded.
  - You have a fast or irregular heartbeat.
- **Some people who have taken medicines like TRUVADA have developed serious liver problems called hepatotoxicity,** with liver enlargement (hepatomegaly) and fat in the liver (steatosis). **Call your healthcare provider right away if you get the following signs or symptoms of liver problems.**
  - Your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice).
  - Your urine turns dark.
  - Your bowel movements (stools) turn light in color.
  - You don't feel like eating food for several days or longer.
  - You feel sick to your stomach (nausea).
  - You have lower stomach area (abdominal) pain.
- **You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or liver problems** if you are female, very overweight (obese), or have been taking nucleoside analog medicines, like TRUVADA, for a long time.
- **If you are also infected with the Hepatitis B Virus (HBV),** you need close medical follow-up for several months after stopping treatment with TRUVADA. Follow-up includes medical exams and blood tests to check for HBV that could be getting worse. **Patients with Hepatitis B Virus infection, who take TRUVADA and then stop it, may get "flare-ups" of their hepatitis. A "flare-up" is when the disease suddenly returns in a worse way than before.**

What is TRUVADA?

TRUVADA is a type of medicine called an HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) nucleoside analog reverse transcriptase inhibitor (NRTI). TRUVADA contains 2 medicines, EMTRIVA® (emtricitabine) and VIREAD® (tenofovir disoproxil fumarate, or tenofovir DF) combined in one pill. TRUVADA is always used with other anti-HIV medicines to treat people with HIV infection. TRUVADA is for adults age 18 and older. TRUVADA has not been studied in children under age 18 or adults over age 65.

HIV infection destroys CD4 (T) cells, which are important to the immune system. The immune system helps fight infection. After a large number of T cells are destroyed, acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) develops.

TRUVADA helps block HIV reverse transcriptase, a chemical in your body (enzyme) that is needed for HIV to multiply. TRUVADA lowers the amount of HIV in the blood (viral load). TRUVADA may also help to increase the number of T cells (CD4 cells). Lowering the amount of HIV in the blood lowers the chance of death or infections that happen when your immune system is weak (opportunistic infections).

TRUVADA does not cure HIV infection or AIDS. The long-term effects of TRUVADA are not known at this time. People taking TRUVADA may still get opportunistic infections or other conditions that happen with HIV infection. Opportunistic infections are infections that develop because the immune system is weak. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, and *Mycobacterium avium complex* (MAC) infection. **It is very important that you see your healthcare provider regularly while taking TRUVADA.**

TRUVADA does not lower your chance of passing HIV to other people through sexual contact, sharing needles, or being exposed to your blood. For your health and the health of others, it is important to always practice safer sex by using a latex or polyurethane condom or other barrier to lower the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal secretions, or blood. Never use or share dirty needles.

Who should not take TRUVADA?

- Do not take TRUVADA if you are allergic to TRUVADA or any of its ingredients. The active ingredients of TRUVADA are emtricitabine and tenofovir DF. See the end of this leaflet for a complete list of ingredients.
- Do not take TRUVADA if you are already taking ATRIPLA™, Combivir (lamivudine/zidovudine), EMTRIVA, Epivir or Epivir-HBV (lamivudine), Epzicom (abacavir sulfate/lamivudine), Trizivir (abacavir sulfate/lamivudine/zidovudine), or VIREAD because these medicines contain the same or similar active ingredients.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking TRUVADA?

Tell your healthcare provider if you:

- **are pregnant or planning to become pregnant.** We do not know if TRUVADA can harm your unborn child. You and your healthcare provider will need to decide if TRUVADA is right for you. If you use TRUVADA while you are pregnant, talk to your healthcare provider about how you can be on the TRUVADA Antiviral Pregnancy Registry.
- **are breast-feeding.** You should not breast feed if you are HIV-positive because of the chance of passing the HIV virus to your baby. Also, it is not known if TRUVADA can pass into your breast milk and if it can harm your baby. If you are a woman who has or will have a baby, talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby.
- **have kidney problems or are undergoing kidney dialysis treatment.**
- **have bone problems.**
- **have liver problems including Hepatitis B Virus infection.**

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements Especially tell your healthcare provider if you take:

- Videx, Videx EC (didanosine). Tenofovir DF (a component of TRUVADA) may increase the amount of Videx in your blood. **You may need to be followed more carefully if you are taking TRUVADA and Videx together.** Also, the dose of didanosine may need to be reduced.
- Reyataz (atazanavir sulfate) or Kaletra (lopinavir/ritonavir). These medicines may increase the amount of tenofovir DF (a component of TRUVADA) in your blood, which could result in more side effects. You may need to be followed more carefully if you are taking TRUVADA and Reyataz or Kaletra together. TRUVADA may decrease the amount of Reyataz in your blood. If you are taking TRUVADA and Reyataz together, you should also be taking Norvir (ritonavir).

Keep a complete list of all the medicines that you take. Make a new list when medicines are added or stopped. Give copies of this list to all of your healthcare providers and pharmacist **every** time you visit your healthcare provider or fill a prescription.

How should I take TRUVADA?

- Take TRUVADA exactly as your healthcare provider prescribed it. Follow the directions from your healthcare provider, exactly as written on the label.
- The usual dose of TRUVADA is 1 tablet once a day. TRUVADA is always used with other anti-HIV medicines. If you have kidney problems, you may need to take TRUVADA less often.
- TRUVADA may be taken with or without a meal. Food does not affect how TRUVADA works. Take TRUVADA at the same time each day.
- If you forget to take TRUVADA, take it as soon as you remember that day. **Do not** take more than 1 dose of TRUVADA in a day. **Do not** take 2 doses at the same time. Call your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you are not sure what to do. **It is important that you do not miss any doses of TRUVADA or your anti-HIV medicines.**
- When your TRUVADA supply starts to run low, get more from your healthcare provider or pharmacy. This is very important because the amount of virus in your blood may increase if the medicine is stopped for even a short time. The virus may develop resistance to TRUVADA and become harder to treat.
- Do not change your dose or stop taking TRUVADA without first talking with your healthcare provider. Stay under a healthcare provider's care when taking TRUVADA.
- If you take too much TRUVADA, call your local poison control center or emergency room right away.

What should I avoid while taking TRUVADA?

- **Do not breast-feed.** See "What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking TRUVADA?"
- **Avoid doing things that can spread HIV infection** since TRUVADA does not stop you from passing the HIV infection to others.
  - **Do not share needles or other injection equipment.**
  - **Do not share personal items that can have blood or body fluids on them, like toothbrushes or razor blades.**
  - **Do not have any kind of sex without protection.** Always practice safer sex by using a latex or polyurethane condom or other barrier to reduce the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal secretions, or blood.
- ATRIPLA, Combivir (lamivudine/zidovudine), EMTRIVA, Epivir or Epivir-HBV (lamivudine), Epzicom (abacavir sulfate/lamivudine), Trizivir (abacavir sulfate/lamivudine/zidovudine), or VIREAD.
  TRUVADA should not be used with these medicines.

What are the possible side effects of TRUVADA?

TRUVADA may cause the following serious side effects (see "What is the most important information I should know about TRUVADA?"):

- **Lactic acidosis** (buildup of an acid in the blood). Lactic acidosis can be a medical emergency and may need to be treated in the hospital. **Call your doctor right away if you get signs of lactic acidosis.** (See "What is the most important information I should know about TRUVADA?")
- **Serious liver problems (hepatotoxicity),** with liver enlargement (hepatomegaly) and fat in the liver (steatosis). Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any signs of liver problems. (See "What is the most important information I should know about TRUVADA?")
- **"Flare-ups" of Hepatitis B Virus infection,** in which the disease suddenly returns in a worse way than before, can occur if you stop taking TRUVADA. Your healthcare provider will monitor your condition for several months after stopping TRUVADA if you have both HIV and HBV infection. TRUVADA is not approved for the treatment of Hepatitis B Virus infection.
- **Kidney problems.** If you have had kidney problems in the past or take other medicines that can cause kidney problems, your healthcare provider should do regular blood tests to check your kidneys.
- **Changes in bone mineral density (thinning bones).** It is not known whether long-term use of TRUVADA will cause damage to your bones. If you have had bone problems in the past, your healthcare provider may need to do tests to check your bone mineral density or may prescribe medicines to help your bone mineral density.

Other side effects with TRUVADA when used with other anti-HIV medicines include:

- Changes in body fat have been seen in some patients taking TRUVADA and other anti-HIV medicines. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the main part of your body (trunk). Loss of fat from the legs, arms and face may also happen. The cause and long term health effect of these conditions are not known at this time.

The most common side effects of EMTRIVA or VIREAD when used with other anti-HIV medicines are: dizziness, diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, headache, rash, and gas. Skin discoloration (small spots or freckles) may also happen with TRUVADA.

These are not all the side effects of TRUVADA. This list of side effects with TRUVADA is **not complete** at this time because TRUVADA is still being studied. If you have questions about side effects, ask your healthcare provider. Report any new or continuing symptoms to your healthcare provider right away. Your healthcare provider may be able to help you manage these side effects.

How do I store TRUVADA?

- **Keep TRUVADA and all other medicines out of reach of children.**
- Store TRUVADA at room temperature 77 °F (25 °C).
- Keep TRUVADA in its original container and keep the container tightly closed.
- Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. If you throw any medicines away make sure that children will not find them.

General information about TRUVADA:

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned in patient information leaflets. Do not use TRUVADA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give TRUVADA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This leaflet summarizes the most important information about TRUVADA. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about TRUVADA that is written for health professionals. For more information, you may also call 1-800-GILEAD-5 or access the TRUVADA website at www.TRUVADA.com.

Do not use TRUVADA if seal over bottle opening is broken or missing.

What are the ingredients of TRUVADA?

Active ingredients: emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate

Inactive ingredients: Croscarmellose sodium, lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, and pregelatinized starch (gluten free). The tablets are coated with Opadry II Blue Y-30-10701 containing FD&C Blue #2 aluminum lake, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose 2910, lactose monohydrate, titanium dioxide, and triacetin.

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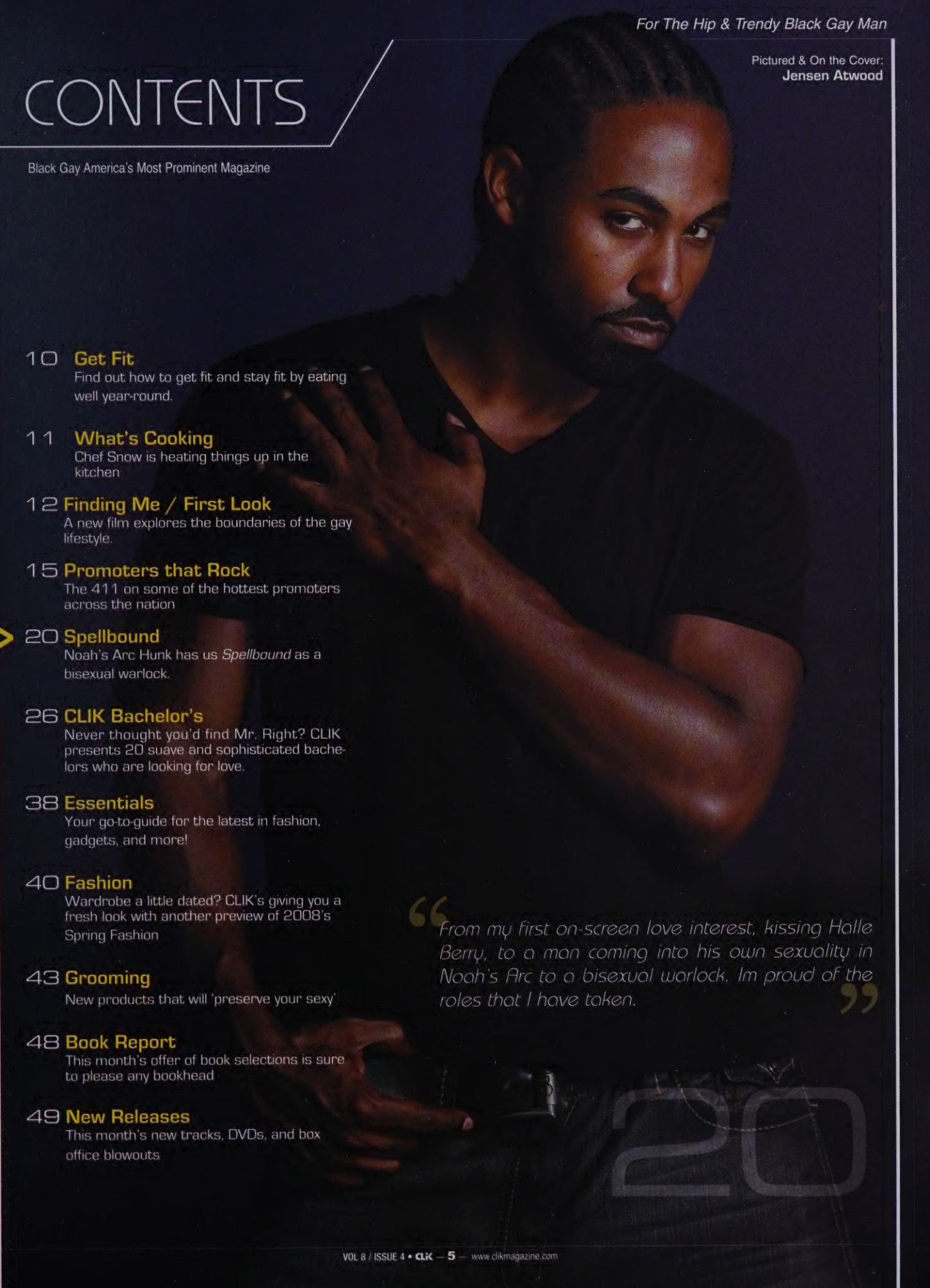

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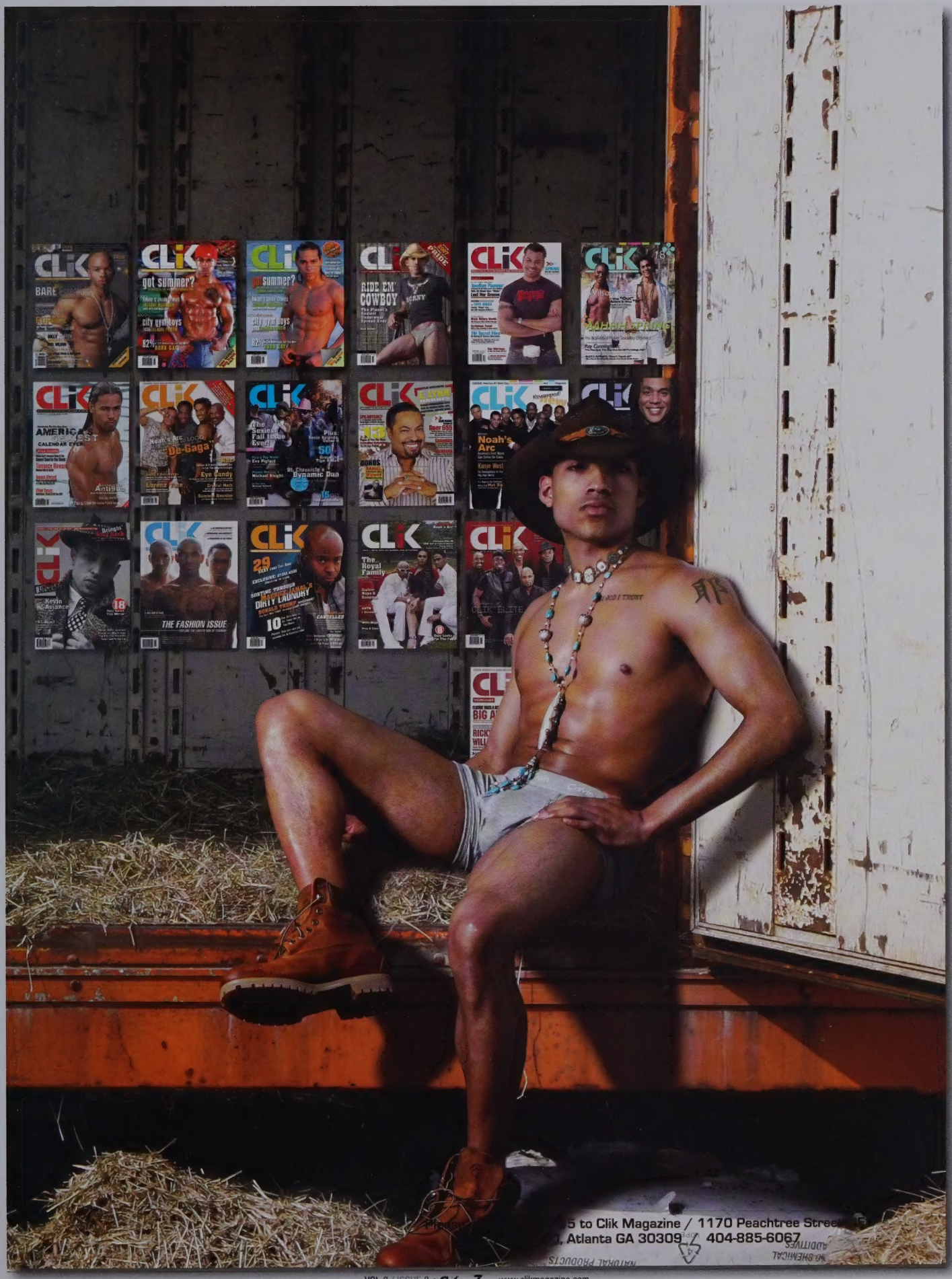
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1/2 oz Patrón Citrónge
Orange Juice
Juice of 1/2 lime
Sweet & Sour Mix
Lime wheel (for garnish)

Method: In a mixing tin full of ice, combine Patrón Silver, Citronge, orange juice, lime juice, and sweet and sour. Shake well, strain, and serve on the rocks. Garnish with lime wheel.

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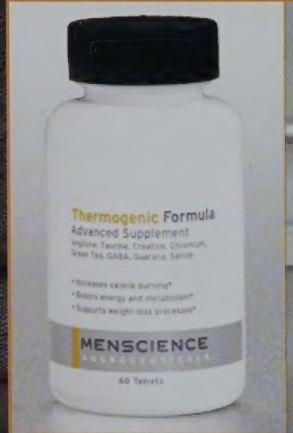
GET FIT BY EATING WELL

Staying fit and losing some pounds can be a daunting task for men. Because of this, MenScience has prepared a set of no-nonsense tips that will have you looking good and feeling great.

1. Try eating several small meals throughout the day. This controls appetite and keeps your metabolism going.
2. Don't starve and then binge. Skipping meals could end up promoting more fat storage and lowering your metabolism due to fluctuating insulin and blood sugar levels.
3. Set regular mealtimes and stick with them. Once your body comes to expect a meal at the same time everyday, it's easier to avoid sudden cravings and snack attacks.
4. When hunger strikes, make sure you've got some healthy snack options available to you (this is a great way to get in your 5-9 servings a day of fruits and vegetables).
5. Protein is more filling than carbohydrates and usually has fewer calories, so be sure to include fish, lean beef and pork, white-meat poultry, eggs, nuts and beans in your diet.
6. Reduce serving sizes and eat a wider variety of food. Don't deny yourself your favorite foods...just consume them in moderation.
7. Avoid drinks that contain calories and stick to water instead. Many men don't realize that beverages are often loaded with empty calories and don't accommodate for them with their meals.
8. One simple way to avoid packing on calories is to use more spices in your food and less condiments like mayonnaise, butter and sour cream.
9. Eat slowly so your body gets a chance to register the food and you won't end up eating more than you should. Eat until you feel satisfied; not stuffed.



After following the recommendations, make sure to complement your efforts by taking MenScience Thermogenic Formula in the morning and Advanced CLA Supplement Formula in the afternoon for even greater results. Visit www.menscience.com

Thermogenic Formula- $36
Advanced Supplement
Thermogenic Formula utilizes the proven health benefits of Green Tea and other natural components to complement healthy diet and exercise programs for significant and sustainable weight-loss benefits.

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What's COOKING

Treat him to a special meal that's lite, tasty, and easy to prepare. He'll reward you for it!

Berries & Brandied Cream Parfait

1pt Fresh Strawberries (cleaned and halved)
1pt Fresh Blueberries (cleaned)
2pts Fresh Raspberries
2 cups Heavy Whipping Cream
2 Tbsp Brandy
1 tsp Vanilla Extracted
½ cup + 2 Tbsp Granulated Sugar
Juice from half of a lemon
Whole mint leaves for garnish
6 – 8 White wine glasses

In mixing bowl, gently stir together the berries with 2 Tbsp of sugar, and lemon juice. Cover the bowl and let stand in the refrigerator for 1 hour.

Using a whisk attachment on your mixer, whisk together the cream, vanilla and brandy on high speed (careful to turn mixer on slowly so to not have cream splatter) for about 30 seconds. Turn mixer down to medium, and pour in sugar, then turn mixer back up to high. Whisk cream till it reaches a medium thickness (similar to cool whip). Be careful not to over whisk. In a white wine class, scoop in about a heaping tablespoon of berries. Layer on top about a couple tablespoons of cream. Continue the layering process till you reach the top of the class. Wrap glasses in plastic wrap and refrigerate till time to serve. Garnish with mint

Homemade Pesto

2 Bunches Fresh basil (Leaves Only, washed and dried)
4 Whole Cloves Fresh garlic (peeled)
½ cup Pine nuts
½ cup Fresh parmesan cheese
⅓ cup Extra Virgin Olive Oil
½ tsp Kosher salt
½ tsp Black pepper

In a food processor add in all ingredients except for olive oil and blend. While the food processor is running slowly pour in olive oil. Stop processor, and scrape the sides of the bowl down. Blend once again for about 20 seconds

You are looking for it to be a bit chunky not to smooth. Store in air tight container and refrigerate. Pesto can also be frozen.

Sauteed Shrimp & Cherry Tomatoes

Tossed with Linguini and Homemade Pesto

1lb Raw Shrimp (21/25 count, Peeled and Deveined)
1pt Cherry Tomatoes (Cleaned and Halved)
2 Tbsp Olive Oil
⅓ Cup Clam Juice
2 Tbsp Homemade Pesto
1lb Dry Linguini Pasta
½ cup Fresh Grated Parmesan Cheese
Salt and Pepper

Follow cooking directions on box for linguini being careful not to over cook. In a large pre-heated sauté pan, add in olive oil and shrimp. Sauté shrimp for 2-3 minutes or until shrimp begin to turn pink. Stir in tomatoes and cook for another 30 seconds. Add clam juice and pesto, mix thoroughly. Drain pasta and mix into sauté pan with the shrimp and tomatoes. Salt and pepper to taste. Pour into serving bowl and garnish with cheese.

Washington DC / Northern Virginia native, Chef Cary Snow (33) calls his style of cooking "New American Cuisine" a melting pot of cultures and flavors. An active member in organizations such as National Society of Minorities in Hospitality, the National Restaurant Association, and The American Culinary Foundation, Chef Snow now is a college instructor teaching up and coming African-Americans hospitality professionals his passion for his craft. Imparting his philosophy, "Love the food, care about the people you serve, and everything else will work itself out"

FIRST LOOK

"Finding Me" is a story of one young man's journey to self-acceptance and self-love. This is also a story that lies close to our hearts, because we have all taken the trip to "Finding Ourselves".

The story begins with a question, "What am I doing with my life?" Faybien Allen begins his journey to self-discovery with the aid of his two best friends, Amera and Greg. He also plays the teacher at times to these friends as well.

Faybien's father's disappointment looms over any of his achievements or progress toward self acceptance until a stranger enters his life. Lonnie's love for Faybien allows him to open his eyes, heart and mind. As he begins his journey he is introduced to a character, which proves just how harsh life can be and the unfortunate outcomes of poor decisions. This individual forces Faybien to accept his responsibility for his actions, and provides a new obstacle for him on his journey to self-acceptance. Faybien's emotions are defined by guilt and sadness, because he has not accepted the loss of someone close to him.

Will young Faybien accept who he is? Will he take responsibility for his life and gain control?

Lonnie Wilson, played by **Rasheed Thompson**, a mature, charming, charismatic, and openly gay man. Lonnie jump starts feelings that Faybien has suppressed for a while, love. He's attracted to Faybien and has no problem showing it. He challenges Faybien to confront his fears of being openly gay.

Cory Briggs, played by **Hanif Abdus-Salaam**, a kind hearted, sweet straight man, Cory helps Faybien begin to realize that there is no shame or wrong with being gay. Cory explains that his little brother is gay and he loves and respects him completely.

Greg Marsh, played by **Eugene Turner**, a gregarious, down to earth, free spirited, bi-sexual man is one of Faybien's good friends. Faybien relies on Greg's nonchalant attitude toward life. Through his relationship with Greg, Faybien tries to learn how to roll with the challenges that life present. What Faybien doesn't realize is through him Greg learns how his attitude can affect others in a negative way.

Amera Jones, played by **J'Nara Corbin**, a beautiful, sassy, opinionated, slightly neurotic, yet open-hearted aspiring singer, is another one of Faybien's close friends. Amera has spent a lot of time around gay men and feels as though she's an honorary gay man herself. Her overly flamboyant personality helps Faybien to feel more comfortable with himself. What Faybien doesn't realize is that he helps her to understand how her diva-like attitude can push people away.

Jaylen 'Jay' Timber, played by Clik's **Maurice Murrell**, a crafty queen and shifty guy. In Faybien's mind, Jay represents everything he's afraid of becoming if he doesn't pull his life in the right direction. In Jay's mind, young Faybien represents what he was like before many of the bad choices he has made. Jay recognizes the similarities the two shares, but Faybien doesn't want to believe it.

Faybien Allen, played by **Ray Martell Moore**, a young black, idealistic, yet cautious gay man begins a journey in finding out who he is and how he fits in the world. He struggles with his sexuality, family expectations and a lack of goals and planning with his life. Faybien has a cold relationship with his father that defines his inner pain.

About the Director: *Roger Omeus*

Roger's overall goal with this film is to touch the hearts of audiences that have been craving a realistic depiction of the inner city life and struggles of young people particularly focusing on the LGBT community.

When speaking to Roger, we asked him what his aspirations are for the film viewing audience: "I hope the audiences will relate to the fundamental and universal themes of life through this film: love, loss, joy and sorrow." Roger's thoughts on taking on a project of this magnitude, "Throw your all into it and own it!"craving a realistic depiction of the inner city life and struggle.

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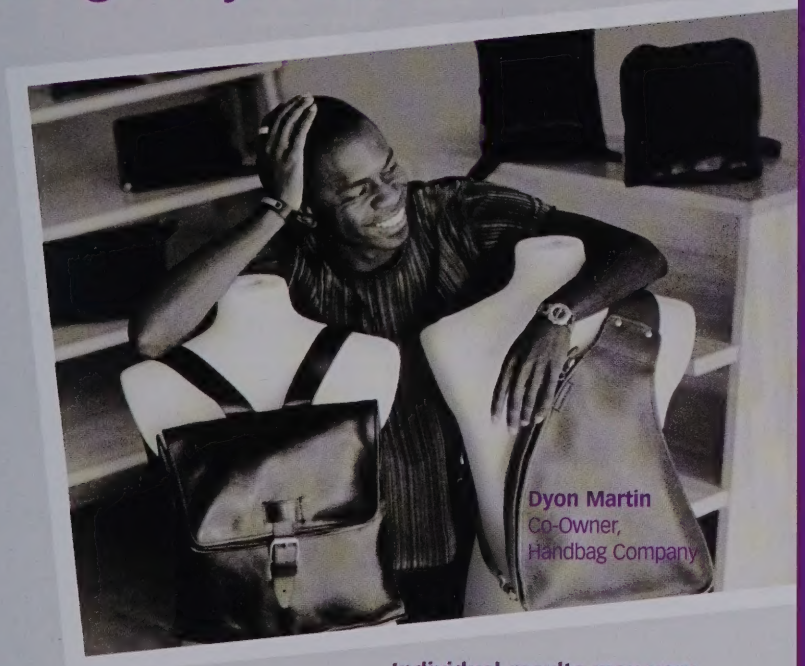

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INDICATION: SUSTIVA® (efavirenz) is a prescription medicine used in combination with other medicines to treat people who are infected with the human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1).

SUSTIVA does not cure HIV and has not been shown to prevent passing HIV to others.

See your healthcare provider regularly.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION:

Do not take SUSTIVA if you are taking the following medicines because serious and life-threatening side effects may occur when taken together: Hismanal® (astemizole), Vascor® (bepridil), Propulsid® (cisapride), Versed® (midazolam), Orap® (pimozide), Halcion® (triazolam), or ergot medicines (for example, Wigraine® and Cafergot®).

In addition, SUSTIVA should not be taken with: Vfend® (voriconazole) since it may lose its effect or may increase the chance of having side effects from SUSTIVA. Some doses of voriconazole can be taken at the same time as a lower dose of SUSTIVA, but you must check with your doctor first.

SUSTIVA should not be taken with ATRIPLA™ (efavirenz 600 mg/emtricitabine 200 mg/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate 300 mg) because it contains efavirenz, the active ingredient of SUSTIVA.

Fortovase®, Invirase® (saquinavir mesylate) should not be used as the only protease inhibitor in combination with SUSTIVA.

Taking SUSTIVA (efavirenz) with St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*) is not recommended as it may cause decreased levels of SUSTIVA, increased viral load, and possible resistance to SUSTIVA or cross-resistance to other anti-HIV drugs.

This list of medicines is not complete. Discuss with your healthcare provider all prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements you are taking or plan to take.

Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any side effects or conditions, including the following:

- **Severe depression, strange thoughts, or angry behavior** have been reported by a small number of patients taking SUSTIVA. Some patients have had thoughts of suicide and a few have actually committed suicide. These problems may occur more often in patients who have had mental illness.
- **Dizziness, trouble sleeping or concentrating, drowsiness, unusual dreams, and/or hallucinations** are common, and tend to go away after taking SUSTIVA for a few weeks. Symptoms were severe in a few patients and some patients discontinued therapy. These symptoms may become more severe with the use of alcohol and/or mood-altering (street) drugs. If you are dizzy, have trouble concentrating, and/or are drowsy, avoid activities that may be dangerous, such as driving or operating machinery.
- **If you have ever had mental illness or are using drugs or alcohol.**
- **Pregnancy: Women should not become pregnant while taking SUSTIVA (efavirenz).** Serious birth defects have been seen in children of women treated with SUSTIVA during pregnancy. Women must use a reliable form of barrier contraception, such as a condom or diaphragm, even if they also use other methods of birth control.
- **Breast-Feeding: Women with HIV should not breast-feed** because they can pass HIV through their milk to the baby. Also, SUSTIVA may pass through breast milk and cause serious harm to the baby.
- **Rash** is a common side effect that usually goes away without any change in your medicines, but may be serious in a small number of patients. Rash may be a serious problem in some children.
- **If you have liver disease**, your healthcare provider may want to do tests to check your liver.
- **Seizures** have occurred in patients taking SUSTIVA, usually in those with a history of seizures. If you have ever had seizures, or take medicines for seizures, your healthcare provider may want to switch you to another medicine or monitor you.

Changes in body fat have been seen in some patients taking anti-HIV medicines. The cause and long-term health effects are not known.

Other common side effects of SUSTIVA taken with other anti-HIV medicines include: tiredness, upset stomach, vomiting, and diarrhea.

You should take SUSTIVA on an empty stomach, preferably at bedtime, which may make some side effects less bothersome.

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SUSTIVA® (efavirenz) 600 mg tablets

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ALERT: Find out about medicines that should NOT be taken with SUSTIVA (efavirenz).

Please also read the section **"MEDICINES YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE WITH SUSTIVA."**

Read this information before you start taking SUSTIVA. Read it again each time you refill your prescription, in case there is any new information. This leaflet provides a summary about SUSTIVA and does not include everything there is to know about your medicine. This information is not meant to take the place of talking with your doctor.

What is SUSTIVA?

SUSTIVA is a medicine used in combination with other medicines to help treat infection with Human Immunodeficiency Virus type 1 (HIV-1), the virus that causes AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). SUSTIVA is a type of anti-HIV drug called a "non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor" (NNRTI). NNRTIs are not used in the treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus type 2 (HIV-2) infection.

SUSTIVA works by lowering the amount of HIV-1 in the blood (viral load). SUSTIVA must be taken with other anti-HIV medicines. When taken with other anti-HIV medicines, SUSTIVA has been shown to reduce viral load and increase the number of CD4+ cells, a type of immune cell in blood. SUSTIVA may not have these effects in every patient.

SUSTIVA does not cure HIV or AIDS. People taking SUSTIVA may still develop other infections and complications. Therefore, it is very important that you stay under the care of your doctor.

SUSTIVA has not been shown to reduce the risk of passing HIV to others. Therefore, continue to practice safe sex, and do not use or share dirty needles.

What are the possible side effects of SUSTIVA?

Serious psychiatric problems. A small number of patients experience severe depression, strange thoughts, or angry behavior while taking SUSTIVA. Some patients have thoughts of suicide and a few have actually committed suicide. These problems tend to occur more often in patients who have had mental illness. Contact your doctor right away if you think you are having these psychiatric symptoms, so your doctor can decide if you should continue to take SUSTIVA.

Common side effects. Many patients have dizziness, trouble sleeping, drowsiness, trouble concentrating, and/or unusual dreams during treatment with SUSTIVA. These side effects may be reduced if you take SUSTIVA at bedtime on an empty stomach. They also tend to go away after you have taken the medicine for a few weeks. If you have these common side effects, such as dizziness, it does not mean that you will also have serious psychiatric problems, such as severe depression, strange thoughts, or angry behavior. Tell your doctor right away if any of these side effects continue or if they bother you. It is possible that these symptoms may be more severe if SUSTIVA is used with alcohol or mood altering (street) drugs.

If you are dizzy, have trouble concentrating, or are drowsy, avoid activities that may be dangerous, such as driving or operating machinery.

Rash is common. Rashes usually go away without any change in treatment. In a small number of patients, rash may be serious. If you develop a rash, call your doctor right away. **Rash may be a serious problem in some children.** Tell your child's doctor right away if you notice rash or any other side effects while your child is taking SUSTIVA.

Other common side effects include tiredness, upset stomach, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Changes in body fat. Changes in body fat develop in some patients taking anti-HIV medicine. These changes may include an increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), in the breasts, and around the trunk. Loss of fat from the legs, arms, and face may also happen. The cause and long-term health effects of these fat changes are not known.

Tell your doctor or healthcare provider if you notice any side effects while taking SUSTIVA.

Contact your doctor before stopping SUSTIVA because of side effects or for any other reason.

This is not a complete list of side effects possible with SUSTIVA. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for a more complete list of side effects of SUSTIVA and all the medicines you will take.

How should I take SUSTIVA?

General Information

- You should take SUSTIVA on an empty stomach, preferably at bedtime.
- Swallow SUSTIVA with water.
- Taking SUSTIVA with food increases the amount of medicine in your body, which may increase the frequency of side effects.
- Taking SUSTIVA at bedtime may make some side effects less bothersome.
- SUSTIVA must be taken in combination with other anti-HIV medicines. If you take only SUSTIVA, the medicine may stop working.
- Do not miss a dose of SUSTIVA. If you forget to take SUSTIVA, take the missed dose right away, unless it is almost time for your next dose. Do not double the next dose. Carry on with your regular dosing schedule. If you need help in planning the best times to take your medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- Take the exact amount of SUSTIVA your doctor prescribes. Never change the dose on your own. Do not stop this medicine unless your doctor tells you to stop.
- If you believe you took more than the prescribed amount of SUSTIVA, contact your local Poison Control Center or emergency room right away.
- Tell your doctor if you start any new medicine or change how you take old ones. Your doses may need adjustment.
- When your SUSTIVA supply starts to run low, get more from your doctor or pharmacy. This is very important because the amount of virus in your blood may increase if the medicine is stopped for even a short time. The virus may develop resistance to SUSTIVA and become harder to treat.
- Your doctor may want to do blood tests to check for certain side effects while you take SUSTIVA.

Capsules

- The dose of SUSTIVA capsules for adults is 600 mg (three 200-mg capsules, taken together) once a day by mouth. The dose of SUSTIVA for children may be lower (see **Can children take SUSTIVA?**).

Tablets

- The dose of SUSTIVA tablets for adults is 600 mg (one tablet) once a day by mouth.

Can children take SUSTIVA?

Yes, children who are able to swallow capsules can take SUSTIVA. Rash may be a serious problem in some children. Tell your child's doctor right away if you notice rash or any other side effects while your child is taking SUSTIVA. The dose of SUSTIVA for children may be lower than the dose for adults. Capsules containing lower doses of SUSTIVA are available. Your child's doctor will determine the right dose based on your child's weight.

Who should not take SUSTIVA?

Do not take SUSTIVA if you are allergic to the active ingredient, efavirenz, or to any of the inactive ingredients. Your doctor and pharmacist have a list of the inactive ingredients.

What should I avoid while taking SUSTIVA?

- **Women taking SUSTIVA should not become pregnant.** Serious birth defects have been seen in the offspring of animals and women treated with SUSTIVA during pregnancy. It is not known whether SUSTIVA caused these defects. **Tell your doctor right away if you are pregnant.** Also talk with your doctor if you want to become pregnant.
- Women should not rely only on hormone-based birth control, such as pills, injections, or implants, because SUSTIVA may make these contraceptives ineffective. Women must use a reliable form of barrier contraception, such as a condom or diaphragm, even if they also use other methods of birth control.
- **Do not breast-feed if you are taking SUSTIVA (efavirenz).** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that mothers with HIV not breast-feed because they can pass the HIV through their milk to the baby. Also, SUSTIVA may pass through breast milk and cause serious harm to the baby. Talk with your doctor if you are breast-feeding. You may need to stop breast-feeding or use a different medicine.
- Taking SUSTIVA with alcohol or other medicines causing similar side effects as SUSTIVA, such as drowsiness, may increase those side effects.
- Do not take any other medicines without checking with your doctor. These medicines include prescription and nonprescription medicines and herbal products, especially St. John's wort.

Before using SUSTIVA, tell your doctor if you

- **have problems with your liver or have hepatitis.** Your doctor may want to do tests to check your liver while you take SUSTIVA.
- **have ever had mental illness or are using drugs or alcohol.**
- **have ever had seizures or are taking medicine for seizures** [for example, Dilantin® (phenytoin), Tegretol® carbamazepine), or phenobarbital]. Your doctor may want to switch you to another medicine or check drug levels in your blood from time to time.

What important information should I know about taking other medicines with SUSTIVA?

SUSTIVA may change the effect of other medicines, including ones for HIV, and cause serious side effects. Your doctor may change your other medicines or change their doses. Other medicines, including herbal products, may affect SUSTIVA. For this reason, **it is very important to:**

- let all your doctors and pharmacists know that you take SUSTIVA.
- tell your doctors and pharmacists about all medicines you take. This includes those you buy over-the-counter and herbal or natural remedies.

Bring all your prescription and nonprescription medicines as well as any herbal remedies that you are taking when you see a doctor, or make a list of their names, how much you take, and how often you take them. This will give your doctor a complete picture of the medicines you use. Then he or she can decide the best approach for your situation.

Taking SUSTIVA with St. John's wort *(Hypericum perforatum)*, an herbal product sold as a dietary supplement, or products containing St. John's wort is not recommended. Talk with your doctor if you are taking or are planning to take St. John's wort. Taking St. John's wort may decrease SUSTIVA levels and lead to increased viral load and possible resistance to SUSTIVA or cross-resistance to other anti-HIV drugs.

MEDICINES YOU SHOULD NOT TAKE WITH SUSTIVA

The following medicines may cause serious and life-threatening side effects when taken with SUSTIVA. You should not take any of these medicines while taking SUSTIVA:

- Hismanal® (astemizole)
- Vascor® (bepridil)
- Propulsid® (cisapride)
- Versed® (midazolam)
- Orap® (pimozide)
- Halcion® (triazolam)
- Ergot medications (for example, Wigraine® and Cafergot®)

The following medicine should not be taken with SUSTIVA since it may lose its effect or may increase the chance of having side effects from SUSTIVA:

- Vfend® (voriconazole). Some doses of voriconazole can be taken at the same time as a lower dose of SUSTIVA, but you must check with your doctor first.

The following medicine should not be taken with SUSTIVA since it contains efavirenz, the active ingredient in SUSTIVA:

- ATRIPLA™ (efavirenz, emtricitabine, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate)

The following medicines may need to be replaced with another medicine when taken with SUSTIVA:

- Fortovase®, Invirase® (saquinavir)
- Biaxin® (clarithromycin)
- Carbatrol®, Tegretol® (carbamazepine)
- Sporanox® (itraconazole)

The following medicines may require a change in the dose of either SUSTIVA or the other medicine:

- Calcium channel blockers such as Cardizem® or Tiazac® (diltiazem), Covera HS® or Isoptin SR® (verapamil), and others.
- The cholesterol-lowering medicines Lipitor® (atorvastatin), PRAVACHOL® (pravastatin sodium), and Zocor® (simvastatin).
- Crixivan® (indinavir)
- Kaletra® (lopinavir/ritonavir)
- Methadone
- Mycobutin® (rifabutin)
- REYATAZ® (atazanavir sulfate). If you are taking SUSTIVA and REYATAZ, you should also be taking Norvir® (ritonavir).
- Rifadin® (rifampin) or the rifampin-containing medicines Rifamate® and Rifater®.
- Zoloft® (sertraline)

These are not all the medicines that may cause problems if you take SUSTIVA. Be sure to tell your doctor about all medicines that you take.

General advice about SUSTIVA (efavirenz):

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned in patient information leaflets. Do not use SUSTIVA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give SUSTIVA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

Keep SUSTIVA at room temperature (77°F) in the bottle given to you by your pharmacist. The temperature can range from 59° to 86°F.

Keep SUSTIVA out of the reach of children.

This leaflet summarizes the most important information about SUSTIVA. If you would like more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your pharmacist or doctor for the full prescribing information about SUSTIVA, or you can visit the SUSTIVA website at http://*www.sustiva.com* or call 1-800-321-1335.

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PROMOTERS that ROCK

Success Stories in the Fine Art of Throwing a Serious Party

By: D. Kevin McNeir

There's nothing like a good party complete with jumping music, beautiful people and an ambiance that exudes the ultimate in class to help you forget about your troubles - bills you can't seem to manage, a once-budding career that appears to have stalled or a lover that brings you more grief than joy.

Just being black and gay can sometimes make life a far cry from the proverbial "walk in the park." But despite the odds, seven of the hottest business moguls in the country say their success as party promoters stems from their ability to organize events that "keep it fresh and make people want to come back for more."

Mario D. Harris II, 41, is a Milwaukee resident and owner of Wassup N ATL - a company that gears its parties for Black gay men. And while he has been in the business for five years, he says his greatest challenge remains figuring out what his patrons want out of an event. In other words, it's not all fun and games. Still he's doing pretty good, given his New York, D.C. and Orlando Invasions that continue to attract big crowds, and the five Atlanta-based parties he promoted this past Labor Day weekend that attracted more than 5,000 men over a five-day period.

"Some days you're going to lose more than you gain and so when you make a profit it's a blessing - but I always enjoy my job and in the final analysis it's not about the money," he said. "I love getting up every day and I do what I do because I love it."

Like Harris, Nathan Hale Williams, 31, has been in the party promotion business for five years but the majority of his events take place in the Big

WassupNAtl Atlanta, GA

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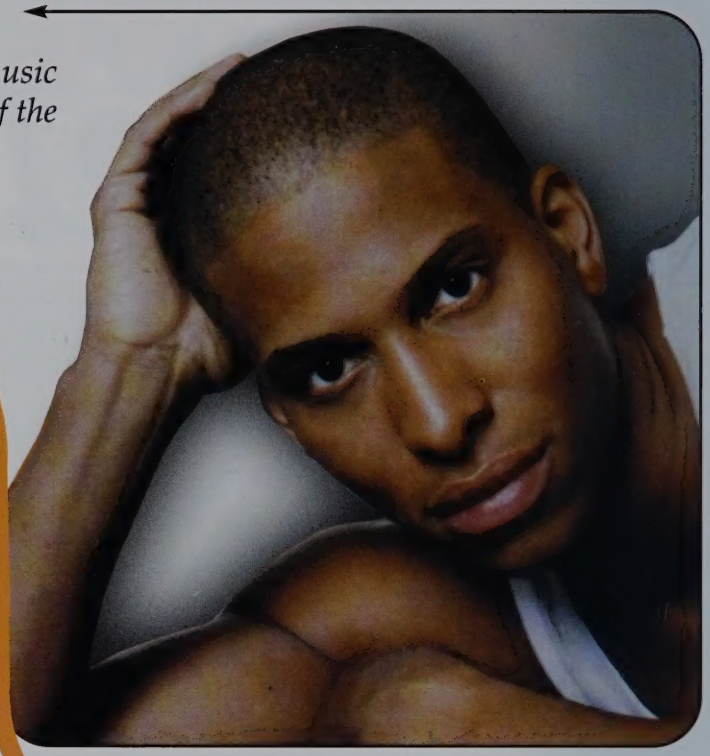
Anthony Winn Detroit, MC



Nathan Williams New York, NY

Apple where his Nathan Presents events have become all the rage, particularly SPRUNG - a weekly party on Thursday nights that he launched in 2003 and which recently changed its venue from Luke & Leroy to the legendary NYC hot spot Club Shelter.

"We have revamped the party, added new energy and even added another DJ to spin House/Club/Classics on the lower level," he said. "Once you've established a following, maintaining that following and your party is the biggest challenge. But the key is consistency - that means the music is great, the venue is nice and the energy of the party is fun, each and every time. And I make it a point to try to speak to everyone so my customers feel welcome -that's the real key to my longevity."

Anthony Winn hails from the Motor City and is the president and founder of the Strongarm Entertainment Group - a company that is on the verge of celebrating 10 years in the event promotions business. His plan includes expanding into new markets outside of Detroit and to include "sisters" in their target audience.

"Our biggest challenge has been introducing change," he said. "By that I mean patrons sometimes get so comfortable and used to a particular bar, club or type of event that it can sometimes be an uphill climb for promoters to get patrons to latch onto something else exciting. Still Detroit has been good to Strongarm - we've been blessed."

Winn says that one of his most unforgettable parties took place about five years ago in D.C. on Memorial Day weekend at Club Nations where he collaborated with several other promoters including Rails, Big Luke, Ira Cameron and Raymond Carter.

"It was historic to get so many promoters from various cities together and on one accord with little or no drama," he said. "And everything flowed plus the crowd was over 3,000 people who were crazy, hyped and just straight up live. Every room in the joint was packed - hip-hop, house and even the reggae outdoor

patio - and I haven't seen a party vibe quite like that since."
Winn remarks that his success as a promoter lies in the fact that he and his colleagues refuse to view the community they serve as monolithic in nature.

"The LGBT community is made up of a little bit of everything and much of our success has been because of our refusal to box ourselves into just one type of music, crowd, event or club," he said. "And I always tell my staff that it's far more important that we be significant than successful because if we're significant, success will follow."

Los Angeles native Ivan Daniel III works in the health and beauty industry during the day but has juggled the business of club promotions as president and CEO of Ivan Daniel Productions for the past seven years. And it's not an easy task, given the fact that LA is one of the country's most demanding markets.

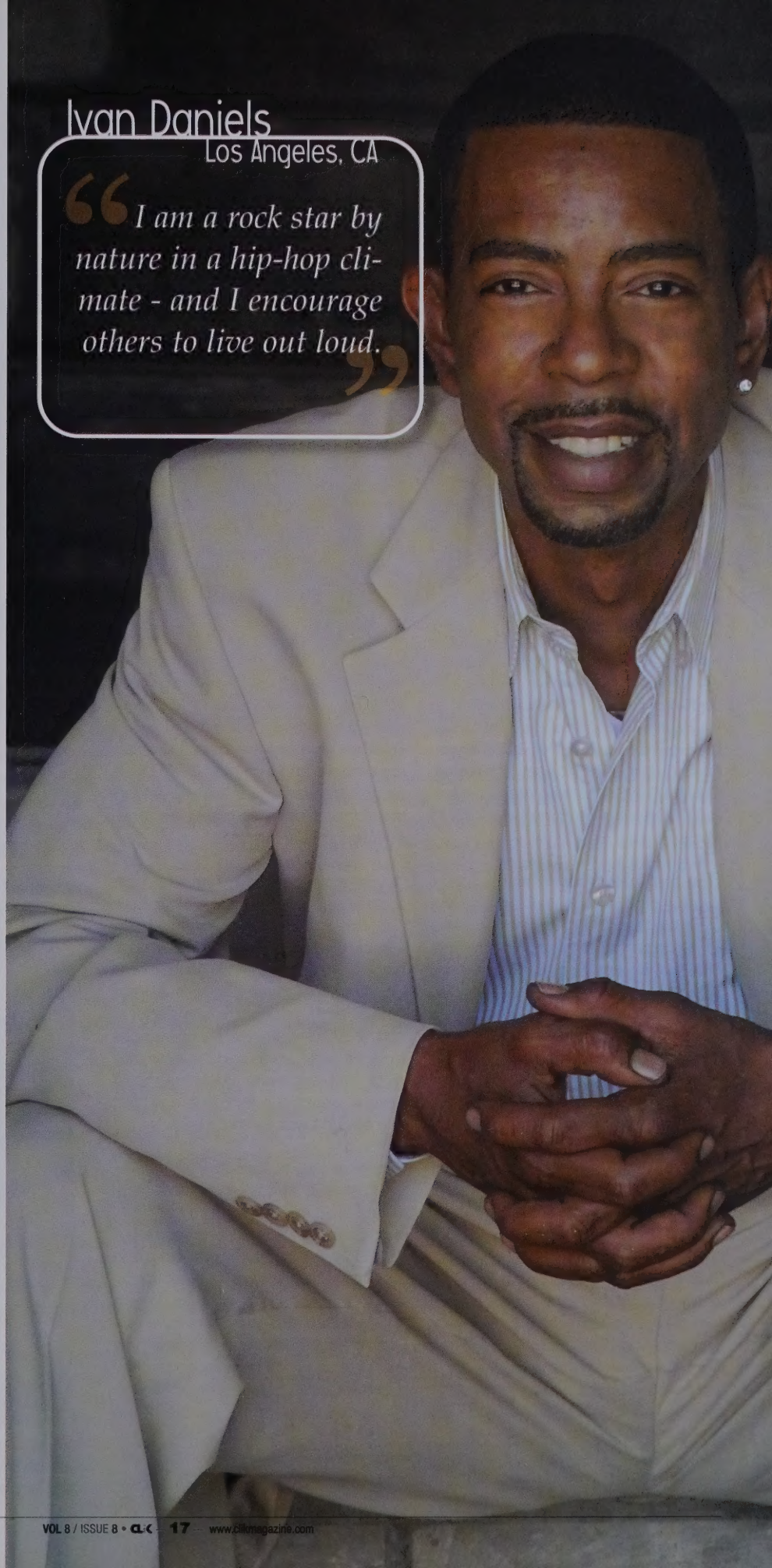
"Los Angeles is a "what is HOT now" market and I primarily promote hip-hop dance parties at upscale locations for the African-American community," he said. "And because there are so many choices for entertainment here, I have to be very creative in this "pop culture" to ensure that our events are exciting and rewarding for our guests."

Daniel says he's been hosting parties since high school but really began to focus on promotion as a career during his tenure as the entertainment chairperson for Los Angeles Black Pride.

"I am a rock star by nature in a hip-hop climate - and I encourage others to live out loud," he said. "We create events that celebrate and enhance our diverse African-American and being a product of the We are the World Generation, we bridge the gap between the post-civil rights and hip-hop generations, making sure that everyone feels welcome."

Besides his involvement with several leading AIDS service organizations, Daniel created a monthly series of dance parties - FirstFridayzLA - that was initiated as a lead in to the Los Angeles Pride events. Based on the success of that monthly venture, he was then able to launch a "metro-sexual-themed" Wednesday night event called "Club Metro - the first Black-owned and longest running hip-hop promotion in West Hollywood, a place traditionally monopolized by the white LGBT community and where a Black presence barely existed. And he says he's not done yet.

Sean Dawson, 36, president of ArdmoreBoy Productions and vice president of Houston



Splash has been in the entertainment business for 10 years. He is one of the most sought after promoters in the Houston area and is already filling up his 2008 calendar. And he says he loves his nickname - The Black Gay Mayor of Houston.

"My interest in the business started while moonlighting as a bartender at Club Incognito - from there I became involved with Houston Black Pride and eventually started throwing my own parties here in Houston," he said. "Most promoters know that in our business after three to five years in the same place, your customer base begins to grow tired of the surroundings, décor and the existing establishment. The challenge is to keep the party fresh and exciting - a "real promoter" creates a name for himself by overcoming these obstacles."

Dawson's parties are primarily aimed at the LGBT community even though he notes that his staff includes "both heterosexual and homosexual personnel working together." And he and his staff have put together some of Houston's hottest events including: the Houston Splash, the 2005 Bayou Classic, the 2005 Essence Festival, the 2006 NBA All-Star Weekend and the 2004 Houston Superbowl XXXVIII Party.

"The first thing that makes me a successful promoter is my love for the business," he said. "I love music, I love to dance and I love watching my brothers and sisters have a good time. I never ask anything of my staff that I'm not willing to do whether it is waking up at one in the morning to pass out flyers, cleaning bathrooms or parking cars - and you must at all times respect your staff."

But Dawson is cognizant of something else in his promotion efforts - not everyone that is in the "family" wants others to know where they plan to "get their swerve on."

"Many of my clientele are college students and not everyone is ready for or wants a rainbow-colored flyer that screams, I'm GAY. Plus I add directions to the events and my personal cell number on the bottom of all of my flyers so that my customers know I'm just a call away."

Dawson will be receiving his bachelor's degree in December and says after that he'll have the time he needs to pursue his next goal - owning his own club.

Then there's D.C.'s own Daryl Wilson, 41, a party promoter for over 15 years and CEO of Daryl Wilson Promotions. He notes that despite his years of experience, he and other promoters still face an uphill climb in terms of acceptance in society.

"My biggest challenge is finding quality venues that will embrace the gay community by allowing us to have our events in a straight venue," he said. "Most clubs will turn away gay events and gay promoters for fear that their venues will be labeled as gay. The irony is that lately I have been pulled into other markets where my assistance is needed and so Daryl Wilson Promotions is beginning to show up in places where neither the audience nor the venue is gay or gay-friendly."

Wilson points to his most recent Annual Red Party, held each year during President's Weekend in February, as one of his most memorable evenings. And with good friend Tyson Beckford making his first gay club appearance and with over 2,500 people in attendance it's easy to understand why it remains one of his most enduring memories.

"It was absolutely crazy," he said. "But a close second has to be this year's D.C. Gay Pride at Love Nightclub - a venue that has been dubbed the hottest club in the nation. We had over 5,000 people come out to see Patti Labelle and Jennifer Hudson perform and they gave stellar performances for sure. Ms. Labelle told me later that night that she never knew she could have so much fun in a club and that she couldn't wait to come back."

But what has sustained Wilson over his illustrious career? In a word - faith.

"I can't speak for other promoters but faith is what has kept me successful in this business," he said. "I believe everyone has a gift and it's what you do with your gift that sets you apart from others. I always try to give something back to the gay community and for the past three years I have sponsored the gay pride Festival in the Park on Memorial Day. But I've noticed that the older guys often don't like to party with the young kids which I don't understand. We're all in this thing

Sean Dawson Houston, TX

Daryl Wilson Washington, DC

From R to L: Durand Robinson, Phillip Boone, Melissa, Homer Hammonds, and Ron

TRAXX Entertainment Atlanta, GA

together and those young kids need some positive black gay men around to lead them in the right direction and not just watch them as they head for destruction. If the truth be told, we need each other."

Wilson is already making plans for the 2008 D.C. Black Pride lineup of entertainment which he promises will be "huge." And he is responsible for Howard University's Homecoming Weekend event that will be held in October at Club Envy.

Last, but certainly not least, there is P.H.D. Entertainment, a multi-faceted entertainment enterprise that was started in 1984 by Phillip Boone, Homer Hammonds and Durand Robinson and is probably best known for promoting gigs at the Legendary Traxx Night Club in Atlanta. According to Anthony Toliver, public relations manager, theirs is the oldest minority-owned full service entertainment, venue and promotions company in the nation for alternative lifestyles.

And besides the TRAXX management team recently being awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by CLIK Magazine, they have just moved into a new edifice, a 50,000 square foot building in Decatur, GA, complete with two dance floors, two stages, space for concerts, an arcade area and the ability to safely accommodate up to 6,000 patrons. But there's more - the managing partners have recently taken on Endenu Southern Bistro located where the popular TRAXX Night Club once stood. And once the lunch and dinner crowds have thinned, the Bistro becomes Attraxxions, offering various types of entertainment. Finally, and perhaps even amazingly, they promote Another Family Affair and TRAXX Girls.

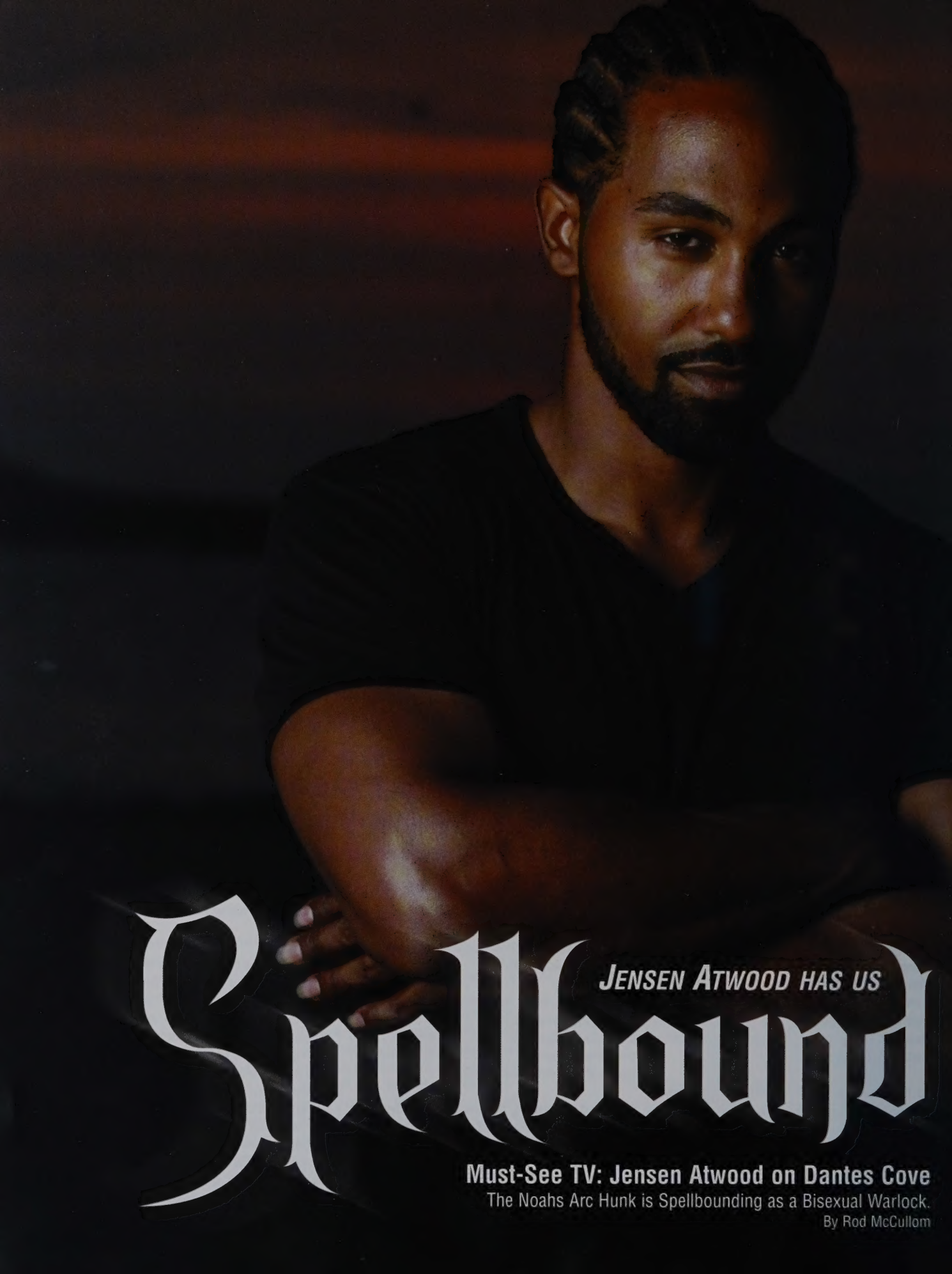
"It sounds like a lot but we just keep taking on new opportunities because we want to keep finding ways to keep things fresh and keep people wanting to come back for more," Toliver said. "The balance we seek to maintain is not giving folks too much because they may not be ready for it but then not giving them so little that they say they could have just stayed home and had a V-8."

Toliver looks back with pride to the recent Labor Day weekend which marked the opening of TRAXX Nightclub [1287 Columbia Drive] and drew close to 17,000 patrons who partied in three different locations.

"We had something for the girls, for the older set and for the youth and we have that kind of response because we pay attention to our audience," he said . "But one thing we do put at the top of our list is making sure we offer entertainment for both men and women - something that many promoters don't do. For us, we want to include the whole community because they are all part of the same family. And we treat that community like they're special because so often we have been treated like second class citizens, even when we're with our own people," he said. "We all know the jokes about the gay uncle or lesbian aunt and if you've ever been part of the Black church then you know how we are often ridiculed.

But with these and other ventures simultaneously running, all promoted by the TRAXX management, how do they keep the crowds coming and the music playing? Toliver says learning and listening to the desires of their patrons and being flexible are keys to staying on top.

"First we have to make sure we have top notch music that folks can count on every time they attend one of our parties," he said. "Then we are known for throwing in an element of surprise. Sometimes we have had circus acts and during this past Labor Day we had Eve on hand and she volunteered to go up on the stage to welcome our guests. Letting our people see TV and radio personalities and the best acts we can, plus providing opportunities for local artists to shine is what sets up apart. Just imagine, on Saturday nights we usually have close to 3,000 show up ready to party. If you're looking to be discovered you can't ask for a better opportunity.



JENSEN ATWOOD HAS US

Spellbound

Must-See TV: Jensen Atwood on Dantes Cove

The Noahs Arc Hunk is Spellbounding as a Bisexual Warlock.

By Rod McCullom

The new fall television schedule means good news and not-so-good news for fans wishing to indulge their guilty pleasures. The new fall season means more viewing choices always a good thing but this time its more choices and less flava. With the abrupt departure of Noahs Arc from the current lineup at Logo, the gay-themed cable channel from MTV Networks, the climate for black gay men on prime-time television has not been the same. That is, until later this month when Noahs Arc hottie Jensen Atwood splashes across the screen in Dantes Cove.

Yeah, Im back, the actor tells Clik, laughing with his trademark bass voice that attracted so many fans on Noahs Arc. You could say Im back and with a few new tricks.

First, some background. Buffy the Vampire Slayer was the first television horror show to feature a main character that was openly lesbian. Dantes Cove, on the other hand, has become the first television horror show created with an almost entirely gay and/or gay-friendly set of characters. The series is entering its third season on here!, the premium gay television channel, and has become the networks most popular show, and, its DVD sales and rentals are quite impressive. The supernatural soap opera follows a cast of characters who live at the Hotel Dante in the sleepy beachfront community of Dante's Cove. A sinister, supernatural force has been accidentally released from the hotel basement and the residents are plunged into a world of secrets, witchcraft, intrigue and poly-sexual adventures.

Just call it the gay Charmed, Atwood says.

As the third season begins, strange things have happened on Dantes Cove, says Sam Irvin, the director of the series. A tsunami destroyed much of the island and the hotel. The residents are trying to determine who or what is causing all of this craziness. Somehow, all of this has to be made right again. We have a lot of ground to cover and a lot of new characters.

My character is Griffen, the bisexual warlock, Jensen adds. [The producers] saw me on Noah and wanted me in this part. I was the actor they had in mind for the role. The deep-voiced, pin-up boy laughs and says the recognition is flattering and hopes to bring something new to the screen.

As the third season of Dantes Cove begins, the handsome, bisexual warlock becomes central to the storyline. Griffen is sent to the island, by the powers that be, to set things straight, Jensen explains. These misplaced spells that everyone has cast, and, the drama that ensued, everyone vying for power. He is going to try to turn things around.

Griffens first love interest will be Grace Neville played by Tracy Scoggins, who shot to fame as Monica Colby on Dynasty and its spin-off The Colbys in the 1980s who is the island's lead witch and resident drama queen. But as you know on Dante's Cove you can have multiple partners! Jensen laughs. Griffen is a very sexual character. He spreads the love around. There is a lot that I like about this guy.

Some of those multiple partners are seen in the very first episode when Atwood spreads the love with another male character in a scorching shower scene. Keep in mind this is premium cable, the men (and women) are often not only shirtless but the sex scenes are definitely NC-17. Occasionally, the actors are completely nude which is just fine with Jensen.

There is definitely much more sex than Noahs Arc. You might be surprised what you see or dont see, he explains. Dantes Cove is definitely a fantasy world. Im excited to be a part of it.

The actor is asked about several preview scenes that were sent to reporters that showed his bare backside. Did you like that? I dont have problems with nudity!

It seems that I cant catch a gig where I have to keep my clothes on. As long as there are no complaints

The Dantes Cove role will also be several firsts for Jensen Atwood. His character is the first black full-time character on the show. This is also Jensens first production where his skin color will be in the minority. Its a very different situation, he notes, especially if you consider that I just came from Noahs Arc that was an all black cast. Its very different, but not unlike being in the United States. Being a minority, youre often used to being the only one in the room.

The actor becomes reflective. I feel very good about myself. I pretty much get the roles that are a far departure from the norm. My career has taken an interesting path. From my first on-screen love interest, kissing Halle Berry, Jensen says, referring to his breakthrough role in Their Eyes Were Watching God to a man coming into his own sexuality in Noahs Arc to a bisexual warlock. Im proud of the

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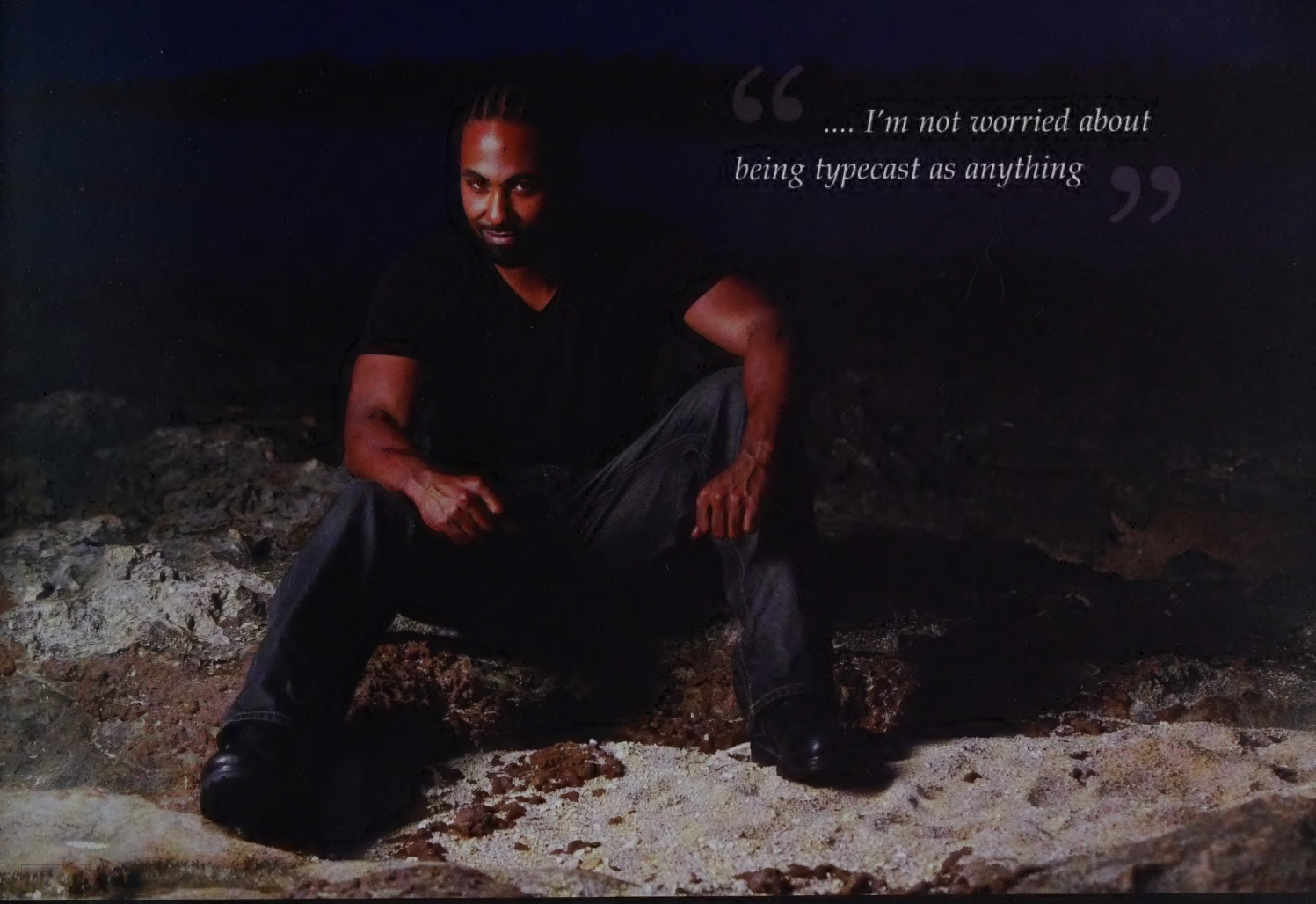


roles that I have taken.

Its been interesting cast as both gay and straight romantic leads, Jensen adds, admitting he finds himself more self conscious when acting in gay roles. If he were in a shirtless scene, Im thinking, Is my stomach hard enough? Am I flexing hard enough? he laughs.

Jensen Atwoods career choices have been rare for a young, black actor in Hollywood. Few are willing to play gay characters and even fewer are willing to play gay opposite another black actor. Im not worry about being typecast as anything, he maintains, and, indeed, he is considered one of the industrys hottest up-and-coming young actors.

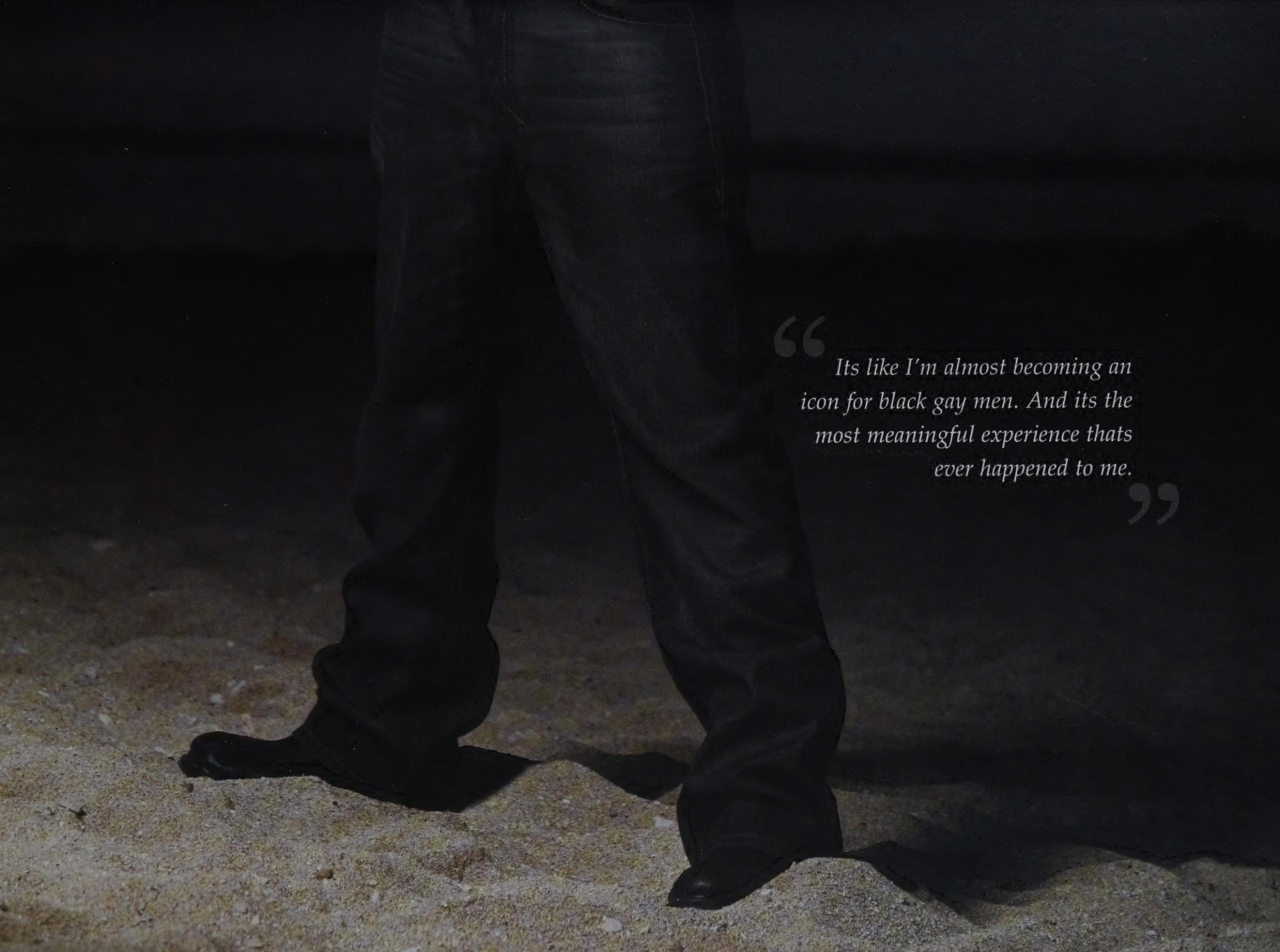
Some actors may want to create distance between their gay and straight fans. Not Jensen Atwood. The handsome, thirty-something actor has also played romantic leads in music videos, opposite major talent such as Toni Braxton, Destinys Child, and Heather Headley, among others. They're all gay favorites, Jensen proudly adds, acknowledging his core fan base of black gay men and young women.

How does that feel? Its humbling. Its like Im almost becoming an icon for black gay men. And its the most meaningful experience thats ever happened to me.

Obviously the actor refers to his work on Noahs Arc, the ground-breaking television series created by and for black gay men. After executive producer Patrik-Ian Polk offered him the role of Wade, the love interest of Noah (Darryl Stephens), Jensen says he was overjoyed. I went into Noahs Arc for the love of acting, thats the love I had for this project. And I had no idea that just one project could touch peoples lives so deeply, and, lend voices and meaning to those who did not have it. It gave meaning for so many people.

Like many former cast members, Jensen Atwood chooses not to dwell on the well-publicized cancellation of Noahs Arc. Its the nature of the business, he notes, but, confesses disappointment. I cant find anyone who could make any sense of it. Noah was [Logos] top show. I wish I could use whatever insight that I have into production but I just cant. The only thing I can feel is that we were not that important to Logo. Hopefully Im wrong.

Meanwhile, the up-and-coming young icon is not looking back. As Dantes Cove prepares to roll-out its third season, Atwood is shopping a detective series that he co-created. FX and some other networks have expressed interest, he says. Hopefully well be putting together a great project. Who knows? Maybe next season Ill have my own show and possibly be back on Dantes Cove. Now thats hot.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Most Wanted Bachelors

CLIK'S 2007 MOST WANTED BACHELORS
ARE HERE! MEET 20 OF THE NATIONS SEXIEST, MOST ELIGIBLE MEN OF COLOR.

They're educated, talented, cultured, involved in their communities and let's not forget single. We searched high and low for the 20 Most Eligible Bachelors in the country. Let the engagement ring shopping began.

SHAHID MANNING, 42
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
Profession: CEO

Through his production company, Blue Horizon Entertainment, Shahid Manning's goal is to bridge the gap between the general public and the many gay sub-cultures with quality stories.

In a mate, the 1991 Howard University graduate is looking for someone to be his life partner. Manning says he's looking for a spiritual connection and natural camaraderie with a guy. On the physical side Manning, who towers at 6 feet, 1-inches tall and weighs 250 pounds, says he's attractive to guys who have thick to muscular builds. He works up a sweet for gym rats and professional athletes.

His Favorite Book: Rich Dad Poor Dad and any book that teaches kids how to manage their finances

One word that describes Shahid: Ambitious

Boxers of Briefs: "Neither I like a jock strap"

What an ideal quality you look for in a mate? Strong black man proportionate in height and weight, thick, sexy, and educated.

LOS ANGELES, CA

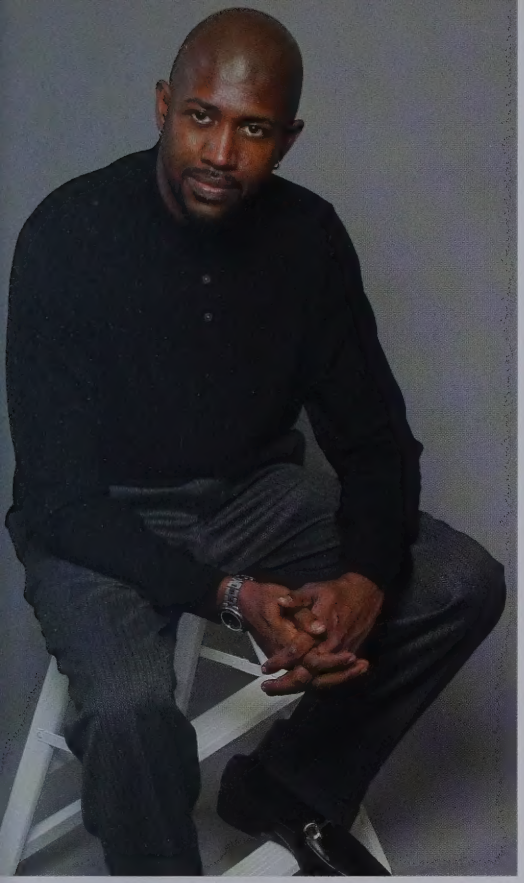
CHICAGO, IL

TONY TYLER, 29
Hometown: Chicago
Profession: Professor and CEO

Tony Tyler is one of many examples that anything can be accomplished despite obstacles. The 29-year-old professor and CEO of OAP Media Group failed two grades before high school. However, he went on to graduate from Chicago State University with a B.A. in Speech. He's currently enrolled at Roosevelt University pursuing a master's degree in Journalism. Tyler has taught at Chicago area charter and public schools. He currently teaches speech communication and English at a Chicago university.

Unable to land a job at one of the city's broadcast television networks, Tyler founded OAP Media Group. His company has produced two documentary films on HIV/AIDS and criminal justice in predominantly black neighborhoods. The company offers video resume production, an online job service for journalists and online tape stock. Future plans include opening a high school for broadcasting, radio station, television station, talk show and magazine.

Tyler's ideal mate is someone who is funny, smart and loving.



ALAN WILLIAMS, 38

Hometown: Cincinnati
Profession: Commercial Real Estate Investor and Consultant

One of Alan Williams' passions is real estate. The Lansing, Mich. native moved to Cincinnati in 2005 to pursue his dream of becoming a real estate entrepreneur. In two years, he's become the managing partner of one of the largest black-owned real estate investment firms in the city. An avid traveler, Williams once lived in Egypt. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with friends and good conversation.

Williams, who is a single father of a 3 year old, is looking for a man to share his values of a strong family unit. Other traits for the perfect mate include someone who is unselfish, thoughtful, loyal, considerate, intelligent, honest, loves to travel and appreciates other cultures.

CINCINNATI, MI

LAVAR D. LARD, 29

Hometown: Chicago, IL
Profession: Author, Artist, and Model

LaVar D. Lard, a man who wears many hats as an author, artist and model, says he wants to look back on his life and see that he's lived it to the fullest. Lard wants to be known for his books and paintings.

He best describes his personality as "boyish charm in a man's body." Lard's perfect mate is someone who is intelligent, attentive, loves to exercise, romantic and faithful. But he acknowledges that he's a sucker for long walks together and sharing memories with that special guy.

Favorite Quote: "Why give up when you can have fun trying over and over again?"

Favorite Vacation Destination: Puerto Rico

Guilty Pleasure: Sweets

Do You Have a Nickname: Mookie

Boxers of Briefs: Briefs

CHICAGO, IL

COLUMBUS, OH

OBIE FORD III, 31

Hometown: Columbus, OH
Profession: Doctoral Candidate and College Administrator

Obie Ford says there's not many guys out there like him. He believes his type comes around once every blue moon. So you better grab him quickly. Obie describes himself as an infusion of Midwestern small town charm and big city, cosmopolitan style. Ford, who is a college administrator and doctorate candidate, says he's intelligent, creative, independent, confident, passionate and spiritually sensitive. In his spare time, he enjoys volunteering his time to social causes, traveling, arts and spending time with friends.

Ford's ideal mate is someone who is not intimidated by his success, has patience, a good communicator, goal orientated, passionate and romantic.

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WASHINGTON, DC

KIRBY MADDEN, 27
Hometown: Washington, DC
Profession: Accountant/ Model

Kirby Madden says life is a learning experience. And the 27-year-old accountant and model from Washington, D.C. is armed with a pad and pencil taking notes. Madden believes in making each day better than the previous one.

Madden describes himself as loyal, energetic, outgoing and honest. He says he enjoys meeting new people. The Voorhees College graduate, who holds a bachelors degree in business administration, says he's looking for a guy that can take care of him emotionally with hugs, kisses, good conversation and support. Madden also admires intelligence, loyalty and a great body.

Favorite Book: *Coldest Winter Ever*

Favorite Quote: "Stand for something, or you fall for anything..."

Favorite Vacation Destination: Miami

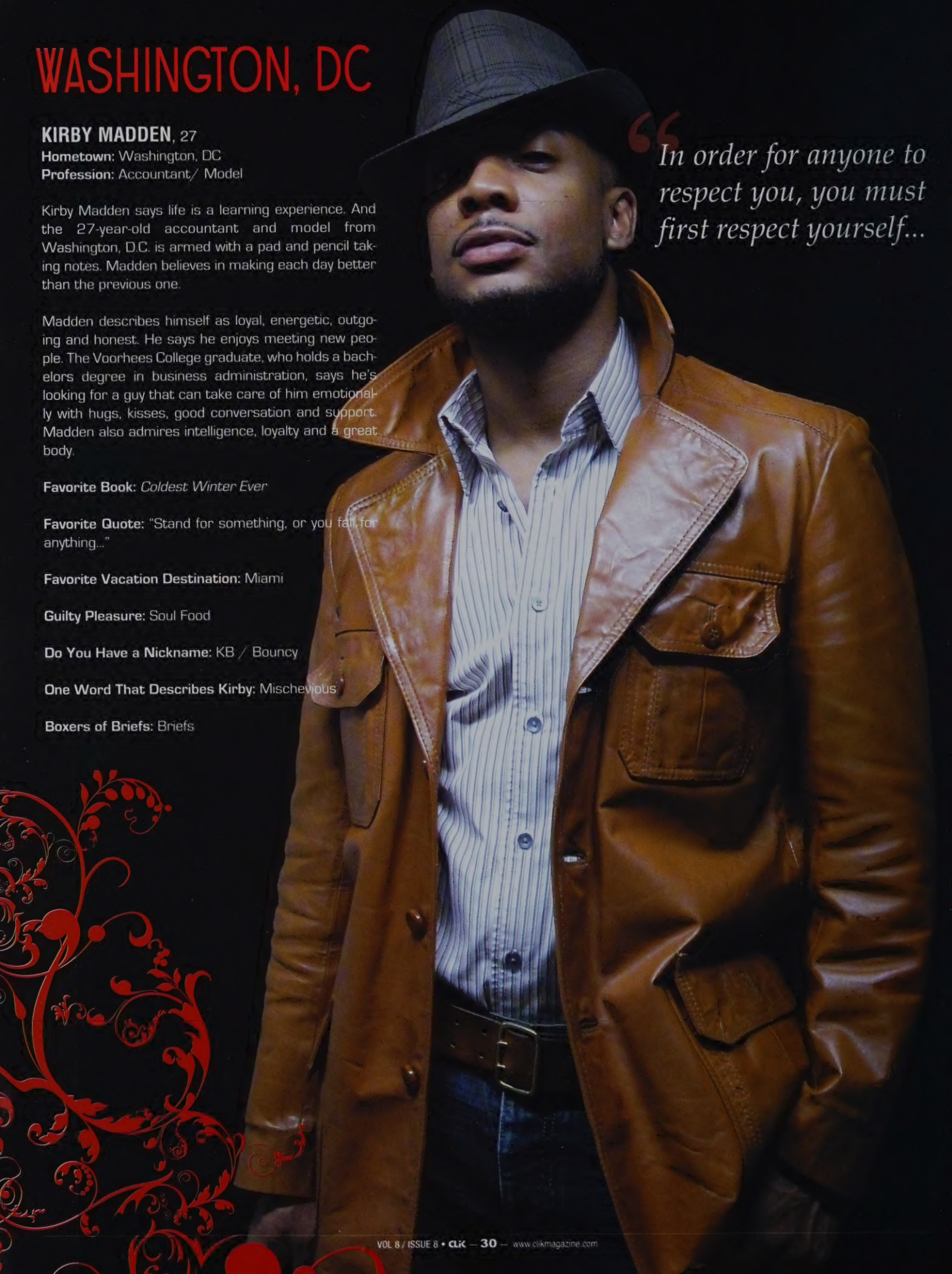
Guilty Pleasure: Soul Food

Do You Have a Nickname: KB / Bouncy

One Word That Describes Kirby: Mischevious

Boxers of Briefs: Briefs

"In order for anyone to respect you, you must first respect yourself..."



RAY CUNNINGHAM, 24

Hometown: Los Angeles
Profession: PR/Marketing Firm Owner

Ray Cunningham's face probably looks familiar to many. The 24 year old Richmond, Va. native was one of the stars on BET's hit reality television show "College Hill." Cunningham now lives in Los Angeles, where he owns Social Status, a public relations and marketing firm. The company specializes in hosting parties, coordinating events and image branding. It's hard not to spot Cunningham around town, as he's the self-proclaiming "Black L.A. Socialite of the LGBT Community." He also volunteers his time to help and counsel at-risk minority youths.

Cunningham's ideal mate is someone who is unique, articulate, assertive, goal oriented, cultured and sensual.

LOS ANGELES, CA

HACKENSACK, NJ

ERIC ELLEN, 41

Hometown: Hackensack, NJ
Profession: Flight Attendant/ Business Owner

Eric Allen will put a smile on your face. And that's not because of his striking good looks. The 41 year old flight attendant also owns an event planning and catering business. Allen describes himself as a man who makes dreams come true. He's an avid traveler, and knowledgeable of global affairs and cultures.

In his spare time, Allen enjoys life and likes to spend time with family and friends. Allen's ideal mate is someone who is intelligent, handsome, physically fit and possess street smarts. His mate must also want companionship.

Favorite Book: *The Audacity of Hope*, Barack Obama

Favorite Quote: "It's nice to be nice..but it's nicer when others know you are nice!"

Favorite Vacation Destination: Lihue, Kauai

Guilty Pleasure: Covertly interviewing non suspecting candidates to fill the position of Mr. Right.

Boxers of Briefs: Depends on how things are hanging

CLiK Bachelors

ANTONIO PURCELL DE OGENIO, 38

Hometown: Denver, CO
Profession: Health Education Specialist/ Bilingual Trainer for Behavioral Interventions

Antonio Purcell de Ogenio is intense and passionate. Maybe it comes from life in the military. He maintains his muscular physique by hiking and participating in other outdoor sports. Ogenio says he gets a natural high from nature, which is easy to do in his hometown of Colorado, which is situated at the highest elevation in the United States.

His perfect mate is someone who loves the outdoors, is health conscious and physically fit. Other attributes that gets his attention is someone who values integrity, romance and not afraid to show their feelings.

DENVER, CO

DONALD THOMAS, 46

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
Profession: Executive/Business Owner

Donald Thomas, an accomplished business owner and former Navy officer, is a well-traveled man. He's lived in six countries and 12 states. He's traveled to 36 countries. Thomas now resides in California, settling in Los Angeles. He says he chose southern California because it allows him to live more freely with his sexual orientation compared to his native South.

Thomas, who is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University, loves cars, motorcycles and men. He says he's always been attractive to larger men. His perfect mate is someone who is comfortable with his sexual orientation, sincere, honest and has morals.

LOS ANGELES, CA

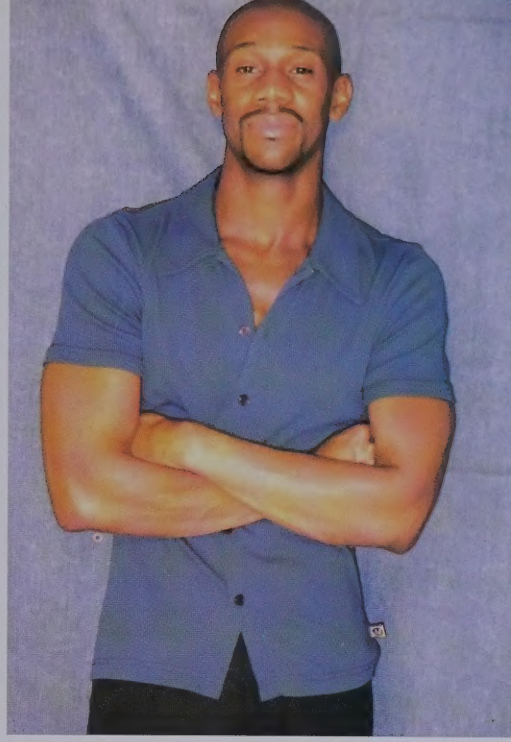
TALLAHASSEE, FL

LEROY C. FLOYD, 27

Hometown: Tallahassee, FL
Profession: Medical Student

Leroy Floyd knows the way to a man's heart, literally. The 27-year-old is in his second year of medical school. After school, he plans to become an anesthesiologist. Floyd wants to practice medicine in the inner-city. He enjoys mentoring other aspiring physicians who want to give back to less-fortunate communities.

In his spare time, Floyd loves to cook, travel, watch movies, listen to music and spend time with family and friends. He says his perfect mate is someone who is intelligent, attractive and goal oriented with a great sense of humor.



LEE HENDERSON, 29

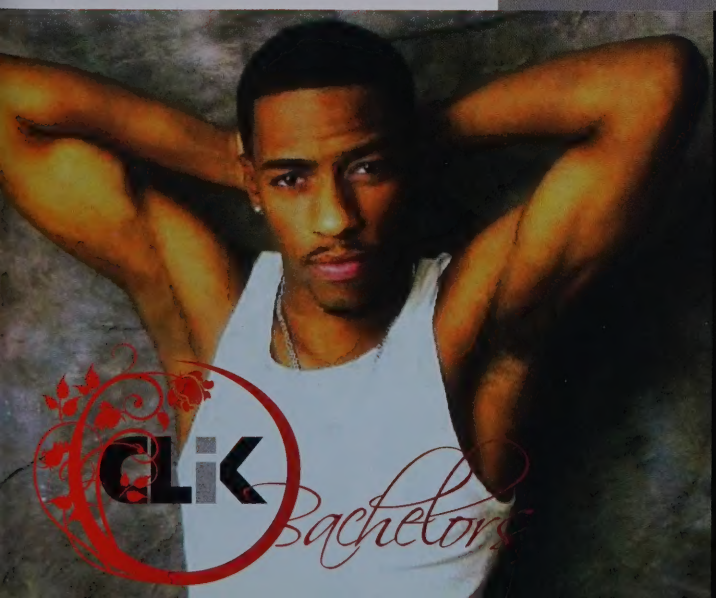
Hometown: Atlanta, GA
Profession: Owner of Health & Fitness Co.

Lee "Healing" Henderson lives the complete life: Body, mind and spirit. Henderson, 29, believes one should live life to the fullest. He's all about spiritual freedom, and sets his mind to creating joy in every aspect of his life.

Henderson, who resides in the northeast Atlanta suburbs of Doraville, owns a health and fitness company. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in English from Morehouse College, and is working on a masters of business administration in Healthcare Management at the University of Phoenix.

Henderson's ideal mate is someone who believes in true love. He also wants a guy who is religious.

ATLANTA, GA



MIKE DUNAWAY, 22

Hometown: Orlando, FL
Profession: Firefighter/ EMT

ORLANDO, FL

Even though Mike Dunaway's job is intense and fast-paced at times, the 22 year-old firefighter and EMT from Orlando, Fla. says he lives a relaxed, mellowed existence. When he's not putting out fires or performing mouth-to-mouth, Dunaway enjoys movies, music, sports, bowling, Family Feud, billiards and being around positive people.

His perfect mate is a guy who is sincere, kind, intelligent and goal-oriented. He wants someone who can think independently, and can also recognize their faults. Dunaway's idea of a great date includes a night out on the town with no specific plans. He and a date can end up wherever the night takes them, Dunaway says.

CLiK Bachelors

GRADY "SEPH" MCWHITE III, 26

Hometown: Chicago, IL
Profession: Operations Manager

Grady "Seph" McWhite, who is an operations manager for a restaurant company in Chicago, seems to have cooked up the perfect recipe for the good life: Family, friends and others who promote positive thinking. When it comes to choosing the perfect mate, McWhite's only require ingredients is that the guy is truthful, sincere, a great communicator, hard-working and not afraid to commit.

McWhite enjoys exercising, traveling, cooking and entertaining family and friends.

McWhite, who is a native of Philadelphia, attending Scotland School for Veterans' Children for 12 years. He later attended Peirce College for two years, where he majored in Information Technology.

His Favorite Book: Intimacy (Trusting Oneself and the Other) By Osho

His Favorite Quote: "I want to make it clear that having been born on the wrong side of the tracks does not mean that birthplace has to remain a permanent address. It is not where we have come from but where we are going." Dr. Benjamin Carson

Guilty Pleasure: Eating a 20 Piece Nugget with Hot Mustard and Super Size Fry as a midnight snack

One Word That Describes Grady: Sincere

Boxer or Briefs: Boxer Briefs

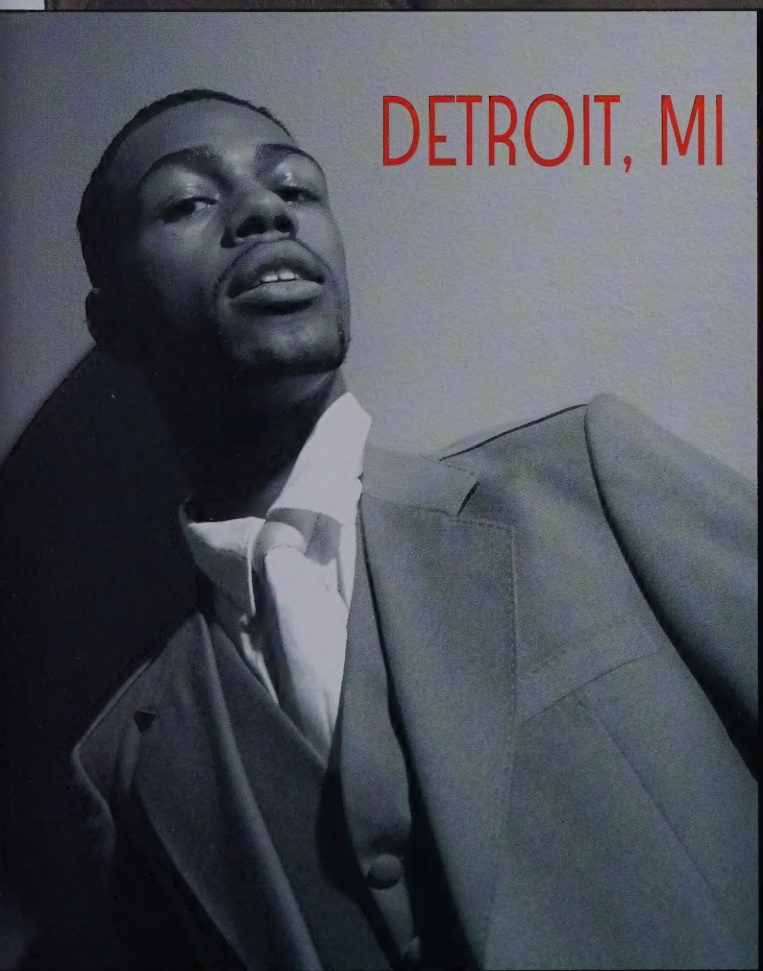
CHICAGO, IL

OAKLAND, CA

ERIC BROWN, 27
Hometown: Oakland, CA
Profession: Graduate Student

After Eric Michael Brown finishes his studies at New College of California, he plans to pursue a doctorate degree in psychology. The 27 year old New Orleans native is currently studying clinical psychology. A great number of Hurricane Katrina victims could definitely use his services.

Brown's ideal man is someone who is sincere, kind, outgoing and witty. Brown is not obsessed with material things. A guy doesn't have to drive a fancy car in order to get his motor running, he says.



DETROIT, MI

NKOSI FIGUEROA, 25
Hometown: Detroit
Profession: HIV/AIDS Prevention Specialist/Social Worker

Nkosi Figueroa, who is the eldest of five children, says he understands not only the importance of standing out in a crowd, but having the ability to work well with others. Figueroa values the work he does with at-risk youths in Detroit. He says younger black gay men need positive role models to show them that being gay is not all about having one big circuit party.

Figueroa describes himself as a hopeless romantic. He says his ideal man is someone who is smart, humble, fun to be around and creative. In his spare time, Figueroa enjoys video games, sports and action movies.

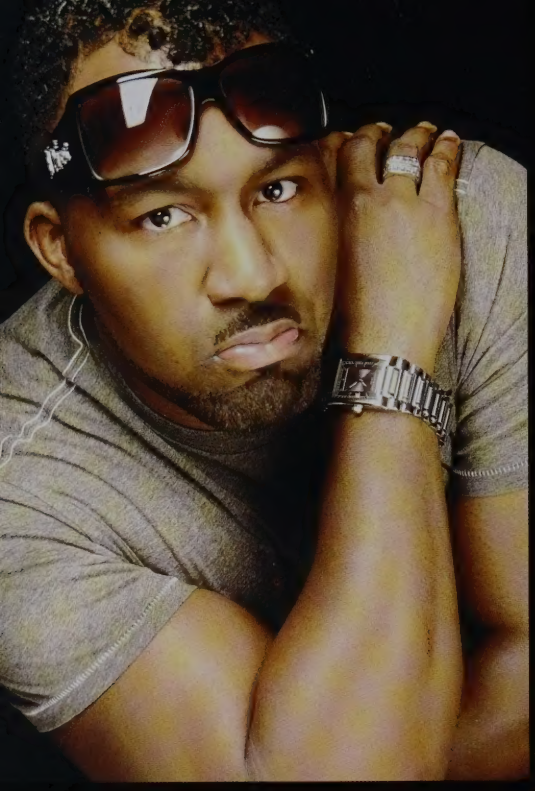
Favorite Book: the invisible life by E. Lynn Harris

Favorite Quote: "Examine the labels you apply to yourself. Every label is a boundary you will not let yourself cross." Dwayne Dyer

Favorite Vacation Destination: Hawaii

Guilty Pleasure: Harry Potter and NBC's HEROES... I'm a geek at heart...

Boxers of Briefs: Boxer brief, they give you room to grow and support when you need it.



KEITH ARRINGTON, 30

Hometown: Baltimore, MD
Profession: Claims Adjuster

Keith Arrington is a big sports fanatic. Arrington loves to participate in sports activities and watch competitions on television, he says. When he's not working as a claims adjuster in Baltimore, he enjoys spending time with family and friends. Occasionally, Arrington likes to paint the town red with a few drinks and House music, but stresses that he's not a fan of the club scene.

He's a singer, aspiring actor and has been modeling for the past five years. He says he's humble and down-to-earth.

When it comes to winning his heart, Arrington is not set on looks. He says he's not bothered by a few extra pounds and an occasional pimple on a potential mate. Arrington loves a sense of humor, seriousness, someone who loves to travel, genuine and is goal oriented.

BALTIMORE, MD

ANTHONY ESTELLE, 33

Hometown: Atlanta, GA
Profession: MSM Prevention Coordinator/ Mental Health Counselor

Anthony Estelle, a MSM prevention coordinator and mental health counselor for a non-profit organization in Atlanta, says he has a big heart and a natural passion for helping others. It also doesn't hurt that Estelle holds a bachelor's degrees in social psychology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a masters degree from Argosy University in professional counseling. Another degree includes a bachelors in Information Technology from DeVry University.

Estelle says he's looking for a man to bring balance to his life. He wants someone who is physically fit, humorous, sincere, genuine and assertive.

Favorite Book: "For One More Day" by Mitch Albom

Favorite Quote: "Excellence is to do a common thing in an uncommon way"...Booker T. Washington

Favorite Vacation Destination: San Juan, Puerto Rico

Boxers or Briefs: Briefs (especially those w/ cartoon designs)

ATLANTA, GA

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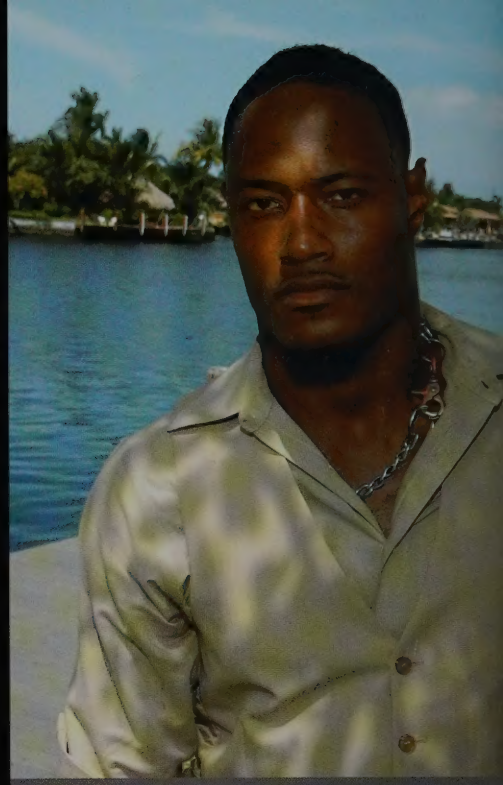

GOULDS, FL

LARRY WILSON, 30

Hometown: Goulds, FL
Profession: Author

Larry Wilson, a native of Miami and published author, pens the books that get the literary world talking. Wilson's perfect man is someone who is honest, aggressive, loyal and can communicate well. Not one to just settle on looks, Wilson points out that sometimes beautiful people have the worst attitudes and no substance. He'll be the first to tell you that relationships are not solely based on a chiseled body and pretty face.

Do You Have a Nickname? Yes. Damn. My nickname would be...Smiley. My Grandfather called me this name because I was a greedy, smiling baby and as I grew up I always smiled, anything made me smile or laugh and 'til this day I'm called "Smiley." But granddaddy is the ONLY person I let call me this name.

Boxers of Briefs: Hmmm. Boxers. Gotta let it hang tough, can't have it bunched up inside tight briefs. Back in the day I used to free-ball, I didn't wear boxers or briefs. I saved a good eighty dollars a year because of it. But one day during an interview (I was twenty years old) I had on slacks, no underwear, and a dress shirt and the person interviewing me was so fine I got a stiffy and didn't realize it and when I stood up to shake his hand, thanking him for his time, IT pressed against my pants to the point where I couldn't stand up straight and he looked down at it, trying not to laugh; and I looked in his eyes, embarrassed (playing it off) and I have been wearing boxers ever since.

ATLANTA, GA

PATRICK ALLEN, 28
Hometown: Atlanta
Profession: Software Analyst

Patrick Allen says he'll never ask of a man something that he can't give in return. The 28-year-old software analyst says he's looking for someone who is not afraid to admit when they are wrong. Allen believes most problems in relationship arise because of one's insecurities. Allen's ideal mate is someone who is God-fearing, secure and content with where they are in life. Good looks and a regular gym rat also scores high on his list.

Favorite Book: *To Kill A Mockingbird*

Favorite Quote: "For What's to Come is Better than What's Been"

Favorite Vacation Destination: Miami

Guiltiest Pleasure: sweets (cakes, cookies, etc)

Do You Have a Nickname? Dragon

One Word That Describes Patrick: Proactive

Boxers of Briefs: Boxer-Briefs

"I will never request anything I am not giving..."

Fallout For Fall Trends

Triumph Scrambler, $7,999; www.triumph.co.uk/usa

CP Company Sweater Coat. *C.P. Company black hooded cardigan in pure wool and leather*, $1,200, available at CP Company

Julbo glacier glasses. *Julbo Teardrop*, $85, available at www.julbousa.com

CLIK Magazine has your go-to guide for the style-conscious guy looking for the best in fashion, gadgets and gear this fall.

Tissot T-Touch Trekking Watch $795, available at www.tissot.ch

SteriPEN Water Purifier. *SteriPEN Adventurer Handheld Water Purifier*, $129.95, available at www.steripen.com

Fair Isle sweaters. *Lands End*, $60, available at www.landsend.com; **Hickey by Hickey Freeman Fair Isle Crew with Mud Flap Girl & Leaf Motif sweater**, $298, available at www.hickeystyle.com; **J.Crew Merino Vest**, $58, available at www.jcrew.com

Acne Jeans for Tretorn Stroll Mid Canvas, $175, available at Opening Ceremony; **Cole Haan Air Derek Boot**, $345, available at ww.cole-haan.com. **Harrys of London Shearling Lined Calfskin Lace-Up Boot**, $465, available at Louis Boston,

Etón Porsche Design AM/FM/SW Radio/Flashlight. *Eton Porsche Design P'9110*, $199.95, available at www.etoncorp.com

Hand In Glove. *Costume National*, $275, available at Costume National; **Dsquared Leather Gloves**, $575, available at Jeffrey New York; and **Emporio Armani Padded Ski Glove**, $275, available at emporioarmani.com

Olympus Stylus 770SW Camera. $380, available at www.olympus.com

A.P.C. Shearling Boots. *APC Ankle Hight Boat Shoes*, $427 available at www.apc.fr

Still Life NY, Cut & Sew hat. *Blue and brown plaid wool*, $200, **Cosby brown houndstooth wool**, $180, and **Langston putty suede felt**, $250, all available at www.stilllifenyc.com

Michael Bastian Graphic Sweater. *Michael Bastian Cashmere Sweater*, $875, available at Bergdorf Goodman

Tod's boots. *Tod's Dandy Boots in Leather*, $445, available at www.tods.com

David Chu. *David Chu shirt*, $235, available at Mr. Sid

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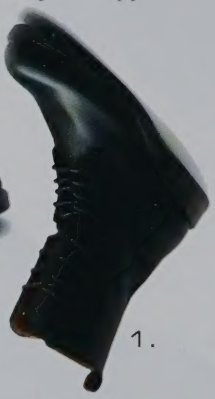

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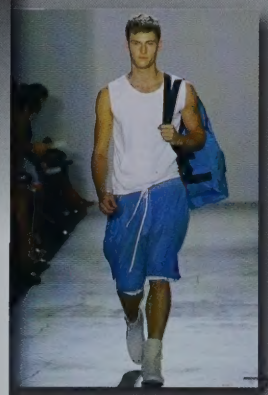
1. LACED (WAY) UP Marc Jacobs - Metro Lace Up in Vejano Brown *$630,*
www.marcjacobs.com

2. Balenciaga by Nicolas Ghesquière - Black Leather Lace-up Boots *$895,*
www.jeffreynewyork.com

3. Frye - Brando Lace Boot *$248*
www.fryeboots.com

4. Dior Homme - Black Buffalo Lace-Up Ankle Boot, Crepe Sole *$840,*
www.diorhomme.com

5. Costume National - Lace-Up Boots *$735,*
www.costumenational.com



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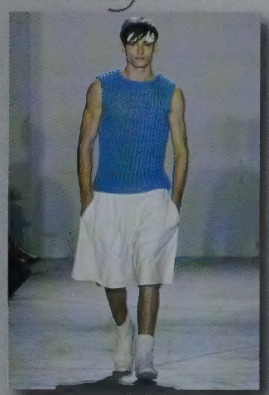
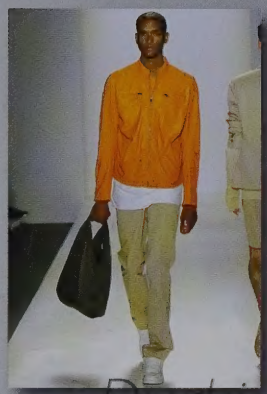
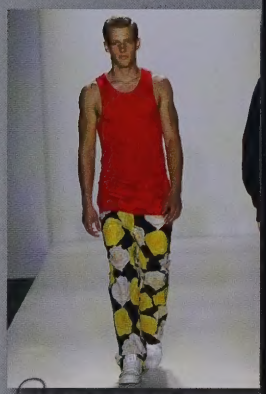


BEST OF 2008 Spring FASHION

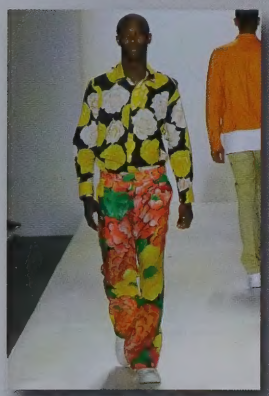
Featuring the hottest fashion straight off the runway from Michael Kors, DNKY, Duckie Brown, Perry Ellis, and Z. Zenga

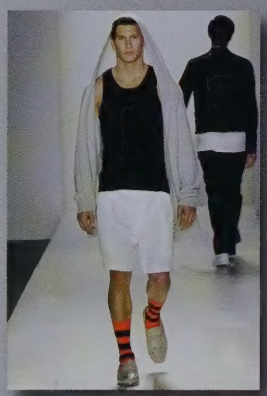
DKNY





Duckie Brown





Duckie Brown is known to have a graphic approach to design whether it be with color or the actual design of the clothes. Here the combination of black, red and white is gorgeous and daring. Orange is another trend color for spring 2008. Most guys I know have a fondness for orange and will easily find a way to incorporate it into their wardrobe.

Double-breasted jackets are in just about every spring '08 collection. Another spring 2008 trend is black and white. As seen, Michael Kors pairs a black polo with white trim and the white belt with the black trousers for a really sporty and summery look. This is a great way to wear black in the summertime.

Michael Kors

STEP OUT IN STYLE

Divided into 11 rules, The Style Bible is the only fashion guide you'll ever need. It helps you build a versatile wardrobe; coordinate colors, patterns, and accessories; determine which clothes best flatter your body type; and navigate the worlds of casual wear, watches, and grooming. With The Style Bible as your guide, never again will you show up dressed inappropriately, whether it's for a job interview, a first date, or a formal event. Farewell to aimless shopping trips; you'll learn exactly what to look for and make better purchases—saving money in the long run. With instructive illustrations and loads of tips, The Style Bible is essential reading for any man who wants to dress to impress.

Rule 1
KNOW YOURSELF
(A.) Conceal flaws with clothing (B.) Learn how to select garments that look good on you, no matter what your body type

Rule 2
COLLECT YOUR STAPLES
(A.) 21 timeless items every man should have in his wardrobe (B.) Buying shirts: your guide to collar styles, fit, and signs of a quality garment

Rule 3
SHOES MAKE THE MAN
(A.) 5 shoes styles every guy should own (B.) Formal shoe styles and how to find the right fit

Rule 4
JEANS
(A.) Find the most flattering jeans for your body type (B.) How to make sense of denim fits, cuts, and washes, and the low-down on Japanese denim

Rule 5
COORDINATE
(A.) How to match color to your complexion. (B.) The rules of proper pairings: How to match patterns, jackets, pants, and shoes

Rule 6
ACCESSORIZE
(A.) Detailed diagrams illustrate how to tie 4 different tie knots and fold 5 different pocket squares (B.) How to choose the best belts, cuff links, men's bags, wallets, eyeglasses, and shades

Rule 7
TIMEPIECES
(A.) Everything you need to know about luxury watches (B.) Signs a watch is worth its price

Rule 8
THE SUIT
(A.) How to choose the best style of suit (B.) The 5 most common suit faux pas

Rule 9
DRESS FOR THE OCCASION
(A.) Deciphering different degrees of formality (B.) Formal attire: dos & don'ts

Rule 10
MAINTAIN YOUR WARDROBE
(A.) Clothing maintenance basics (B.) Find out how to extend the lifespan of your garments

SEXY '08 SPRING EYEWEAR

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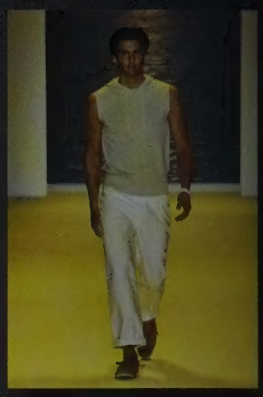
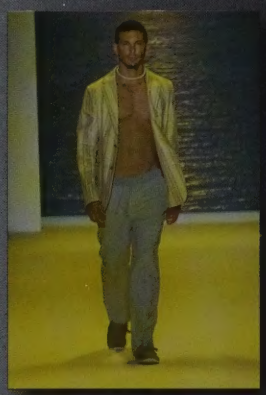
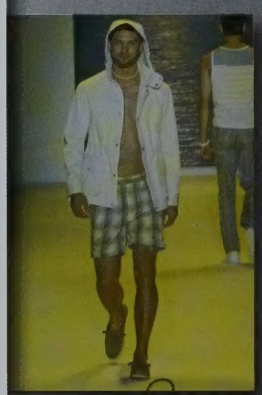
John Varvatos - $315
Paul Smith - $400
Louis Vuitton - $495
Geezer Black $225
Gucci $240,
Calvin Klein - $110



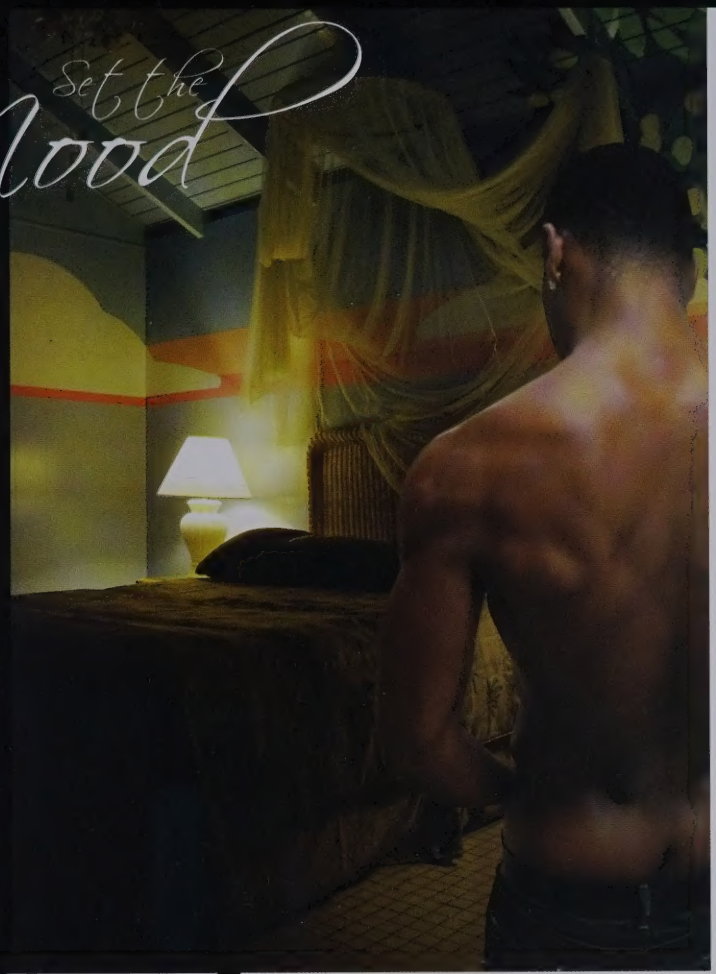




Easy wardrobe classics with modern twists in pale shades of grey and tan paired with white dominated the Perry Ellis spring 2008 collection. Of course there were splashes of color here and there such as a yellow tech jacket along with other pieces in yellow, coral and orange. Overall the line can be appreciated for the simplicity of the collection and, for the most part, its wearability.

Perry Ellis

Set the Mood



1. MARC JACOBS 'Home' Scented Decanter with Sticks
10 oz. Lasts up to six months. $65.00

2. Archipelago Botanicals 'Royals Collection' Short Candle:
Rose $42

3. Trish McEvoy Wild Blueberry Vanilla Scented Candle
$42

4. L'Occitane Lavender Candle
5.2 oz. By L'Occitane. $22

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A-B. CKIN2U Products
Sexy. Youthful. Cool. CKIN2U is a new fragrance defined by the spirit of a generation that has the freedom to connect, explore and enjoy without expectations-connection without commitment.

CKIN2U Him Aftershave 3.4 oz. $30
CKIN2U Him Hair & Body Wash 6.7 oz. $15

C. DIESEL *'Fuel for Life'* Homme Spray
1.7 $44.50 or 2.6 oz. $59.50

D. Gucci Pour Homme II Eau de Toilette
$65 3.3oz

E. Anthony Logistics For Men Shave Set
$300

F. Zwilling Pour Homme Five Piece Manicure Kit
Five-piece manicure kit with leather case. Includes file, tweezer, nail clipper, facial scissors and cuticle scissors. $149

Staying Power

By Anaré V. Holmes

How old do I look?

It wasn't enough to know my chronological age. I took a series of medical tests to determine my true "body age."

When word came recently that a 33-year-old friend had died of cancer, my own mortality seemed to be staring back at me from the mirror. Could this be the moment when I start sprouting a potbelly like my father's, or begin telling stories from my youth ("I remember when that Nintendo first came out and we played Super Mario Brothers the whole night after Christmas")?

Finding myself at a chronological crossroads, I contemplated the oft-heard saying, "You're only as old as you feel." No, I decided, that wasn't good enough. I wanted to know how old I really was-that is, my true body age, based on how well I'd taken care of myself in my 32 years on planet Earth.

That's how I found myself stepping into Longevity Institute Indiana, which specializes in determining biological age profiles.

Dr. Arthur Sumrall, a noted dermatologist with more than a quarter century of clinical and private-practice experience, founded the institute after receiving his accreditation from the American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine, a nine-year-old organization based in Chicago. "The purpose of this Longevity Institute is to perform preventative medicine," Sumrall explains. "We are not in the business of diagnosing disease. We perform a number of screenings that complement the care given by a primary-care physician, but this is in no way a substitute."

Sumrall's own battle with high blood pressure several years ago inspired him to start the wellness clinic. Side effects of the prescribed medicine sapped his energy, taking with it his zest for life, he says. Then he tried a different approach: complementary medicine (alternative or non-Western remedies in conjunction with traditional treatments). "I discovered I could get my body back in balance through a more natural way that did not rely so heavily on pharmaceutical drugs, but with natural plant supplements and through

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detoxifying my body," he says. "I figured if complementary medicine helped me to rid myself of many of the toxins in my body and to feel better, surely I could help others do the same."

Though anti-aging medicine might sound fringey, the American Medical Association has taken no position on the practice, according to an AMA spokesman. Indianapolis physician Dr. Patrick Healey of the St. Vincent Institute on Aging also refrains from passing judgment on the anti-aging field. "There just haven't been any good, big studies," Healey says, "although some small studies are giving people hope. So you have to be careful about the claims people are making, but you don't want to close the door either."

The Longevity Institute uses a series of tests to give clients a biological age profile and medical screening, then uses the information to develop nutritional and exercise regimens. Staffers design an individualized program, which includes nutritional supplements and hormone replacement therapy, in an effort to de-stress and detoxify the body.

The doctor's concept of preventive medicine resonated with me, even if it did sound a bit new-agey. Still, I couldn't help reflecting on another adage: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Then it hit me- I hadn't had a physical in more than 10 years.

It would take me about a month before my doc could give me a systems check, but in the meantime, I pondered all the things I had done to my body over the years.

I don't smoke, but do drink on occasion and possess an unyielding passion for Hostess Ho Hos and other chocolate cakes. And damn the sodium; nothing beats the taste of fish, shrimp or chicken fried crispy-brown in a spicy seasoned batter.
I do most of my work from a comfortable chair, getting most of my daily exercise from walking up and down the two-story building that houses our offices. I also grapple with the stress of multiple deadlines and carry with me the knowledge that diabetes runs in my family.
So how old was I really?

Once inside the institute, I was led into a room containing a chair, keypad and computer attached to an elongated white tube resembling a funnel. I was about to perform a set of exercises that would measure my sight, hearing, muscle movement, memory, lung capacity and both my visual and audio reaction times. For about an hour, the H-Scan Test was my battleground to show little Ms. Kenya that I wasn't some old geezer after all. But I almost hurt myself in the process.

One part of the program required me to suck in all the air my lungs could hold, then, as quickly a possible, exhale it into the white tube. After doing this three times, I felt like Mike Tyson had just greeted my stomach with his fist. I coughed profusely, tears streaming down my cheeks.

Next came several games of cat and mouse. One called for me to hold a square, vibrating block. Each time it vibrated, I was to hit the keypad to tell the computer I'd felt the sensation, which helped it determine my "vibrotactile sensitivity."

Then I played a game of flashing 8's. Staring into a tube, I would see the number 0 and watch it turn into an 8. The object was to touch the keypad each time I saw the switch-which was easy enough until the toggling increased to a blur.

"The next test was considerably less challenging: I provided urine samples so the institute could evaluate my pH balance level."

The next test was considerably less challenging: I provided urine samples so the institute could evaluate my pH balance level. In a nutshell, the pH level is a measure of acidity or alkalinity. Its scale ranges from 0 to 14, with 0 indicating the most acid, 14 the most alkaline. The pH levels of our bodies vary from one organ or system to the next. For example, the stomach pH is much more acid than the intestinal pH because the stomach needs an acid environment (hydrochloric acid) to break down food for digestion. But the flora (good bacteria) of the intestine need a more alkaline environment to assimilate and process the nutrients from the foods digested by the stomach.

One of the last tests I performed was the Meridian Stress Assessment. Because stress is such a potent contributor to many conditions that affect health, this assessment evaluates the electrical conductivity at responsive points on the skin-typically the hands and feet-that correspond to acupuncture points relating to the body's organs and systems. The body has 12 pairs of these meridian points; the doctor measured one of the central control points (which included my lymph, lungs and large intestine nerves) to see how they were affected by stress.

After the tests were completed, I returned for a conference with Dr. Sumrall. The result? Through a weighted average, the H-Scan Report revealed that my biological age was that of a 25-year-old. But there's more to the story.

Maintaining a balanced system-one of the body's main goals at all times, Sumrall says-is easier when we get proper hydration; keep a healthy state of mind (as little stress as possible); and regularly detoxify our bodies from the harmful effects of pollutants and other toxins our body encounters.

My score wasn't perfect. My lymphatic system (which helps fight disease) was slightly stressed, according to the Meridian Stress Assessment. While a score of 55 is normal, mine was 57. Since the test doesn't reveal the cause, Sumrall could not explain what was affecting me. Perhaps I was catching a cold.

I was also a bit on the toxic side with my pH level. Although my blood pH was normal at 7.3, my urine scored a 6.3, which means I could stand to drink more water and eat more fresh fruits and vegetables.

Looking back, I must admit it was my own vanity that sent me on this journey into my own well-being. But it was all for the best, and it had to happen sooner or later. For me, the scariest part about maturing is the heightened responsibility that goes with it. The older we get, the more our margin of error decreases, and we can no longer depend on youthful vigor to compensate for abuse or neglect. If we go too wrong for too long, we may not get a second chance.

From here on, the road diverges. I can either pay attention to the warning signs of stress and pay more attention to what I eat and drink, or I can ignore the doctor's evaluation and deal with the consequences of a stressed-out, toxic body. The choice is mine.

Is Homosexuality a SIN

by Lauren Green

"If you look at identical twins and if one of those identical twins is exclusively gay, what's the chance that the other twin will also be exclusively homosexual? It's about 20%."

The topic of homosexuality is explosive to say the least and for the most part, I've not written anything specifically on it in my blog. One of the big reasons is because the subject is so wide, so involved and emotions run high whenever someone's life is attacked using the weapon of religion, that it's difficult at best to bring up the subject in little snippets of information or insoundbites.

However, there are a couple of things that happened in the news recently, showing that the issue of the church and homosexuality, now at a slow simmer, will likely heat up to a constant and furious boil very soon.

The two things are: Monday night's CNN/YouTube Democratic debate and the hate crimes bill now floating around in Congress. These two elements contain, in a nutshell, the converging conflicts of church and state and church verses state, over the issue of homosexuality. It proves that it will no longer be confined to "inside baseball" debates within the mainline Christian denominations. (It's discussed in the Catholic Church, but the hielng the debate on Monday night, a question was asked by Rev. Reggie Longcrier of Hickory, N.C.: "Is it OK to cite religion as a reason to deny gay rights?"

The answer from John Edwards and Barack Obama came back in political speech, carefully crafted not to offend people who are either for or against gay rights.

John Edwards: "I think Rev. Longcrier asks a very important question ... whether it's right for any of our faith beliefs to be imposed on the American people. I do not believe that is right."

Barack Obama: "We've got to make sure that everybody is equal under the law. The civil unions I propose would be equivalent in terms of making sure all rights that are conferred by the state are equal for same sex couples (and) heterosexual couples."

In other words, both Edwards' and Obama's answer to the question was "no." And that works in theory, but in reality it has great and mounting obstacles.

As I've listened to politicians dance around the homosexuality and religion issue, it seems none of them actually know what the Bible says about it, or if they do, they avoid discussing it. After all, the theologians have their own major disputes over the issue; for example, in the Episcopal Church, it is the cause of an ongoing schism. Which brings up point No. 2: the hate crimes bill.

Ironically, opposition to the bill is coming from a minority group long associated with proponents of civil rights. A group of black conservative leaders are lobbying against the bill now in the Senate. Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson, founder and president of the Brotherhood Organization of a New Destiny (BOND), was recently in Washington, D.C. urging senators to vote against the hate crimes bill (SB 1105). The bill would provide federal assistance for the prosecution of any crime that is "motivated by prejudice based on the actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability of the victim." What they object to is the late addition of "sexual orientation" to the list.

Peterson and others claim the bill could one day force Christian pastors to perform same sex "marriages" and if they refuse, they could be criminalized. He and others also believe that the pulpit could be silenced if pastors preach against homosexuality which they view as a sin ... and even still that the Bible would be classified as "hate speech," regarding its references to homosexuality.

Sound silly? Well maybe, maybe not.

In Canada, there is a similar hate crimes bill now in effect. A Canadian pastor is facing a hearing before the Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship commission over a letter he wrote to a newspaper condemning homosexuality. Some believe the minister's letter was the motivation behind the beating of a 17-year-old homosexual two weeks after the letter was published. The minister's counsel claims his client's free speech is being violated and that the hate crimes bill is a bad law because it criminalizes speech but does nothing to prevent violent crime. (Of course the argument would be that the hate speech motivates the violence and stopping the speech would prevent the crime.)

Even within the U.S. there are signs that Rev. Peterson may have a legitimate point. In New Jersey, two lesbians have filed a civil rights complaint against a Methodist-run campground that refused to host a same sex union ceremony. The seaside retreat of the Ocean Grove Campground was founded by Methodists in 1869. Trustees denied the women's request, citing official church policy, which does not recognize same sex unions.

What we have here is an example of John Edwards' position that no one should impose their religious views on Americans, and Barack Obama's position, that civil unions are clearly a policy that will have major showdowns when church doctrine conflicts with civil rights laws.

The government in effect is putting itself in the judgment seat, a seat that people of faith have reserved for God.

But let's get back to the central theme of the blog, which is "Does the Bible say homosexuality is a sin?" Now, please be aware that people of faith reading the same Bible have come away with different interpretations of the verses on homosexuality. I have read the Bible completely nearly twice. From the many verses referring to homosexuality, it is quite clear from what I can see that the Bible does speak against homosexuality as one of the many sins of the flesh that humans fall into.

So the question that plagues me is if that's true, what happens with all of the scientific evidence and anecdotal testimonies of people who say that they have not chosen to be gay or lesbian, that they were born that way - that God made them that way?
For a scientific answer I turn to someone that is highly respected in the field, Dr. Francis Collins, head of the National Genome Project at the National Institutes of Health. The organization is a co-decipherer of the human DNA sequence. We sat down for an on-camera interview a few weeks ago to talk about his best selling book, The Language of God . Dr. Collins is a Christian who believes rational thinking and religion do belong together.

We discussed a variety of topics involving science and faith, including the issue of homosexuality. Because the topic is highly incendiary and politically loaded, Dr. Collins said, "Here's what the data says:"

"... people tend to oversimplify this very complicated subject. If you look at identical twins and if one of those identical twins is exclusively gay, a male homosexual what's the chance that the other twin will also be exclusively homosexual? It's about 20 percent. It's an interesting number.

The overall incidents of homosexuality is about two percent. So certainly there's been substantial increase for that homosexual, that individual to become so as being a twin of another individual of the same orientation. But it's not 100 percent.

If it was purely genetic, you'd expect to see 100 percent accordance and you don't, you see much less than that. So that says there are other factors. DNA is involved but others factors are also very important. We don't know what those other factors are. We don't know whether they're biological, whether they're environmental exposures, whether they are childhood experiences... we don't know whether they're reversible or not.

And certainly anyone who tries to take those statistics and tries to draw a conclusion about whether homosexuality is something that can be reversed is something that really [is] pushing the data beyond what it tells you. The facts are simply, yes heredity's involved but it's not the whole story.. it's about all you can say.

And I would warn anyone who would take the Bible and use it to subjugate, demean or terrorize another person for whatever reason, that that is also "pushing the data beyond what it tells you."

Jesus said that all the Ten Commandments could be summed up in just two, that is to love God with all your heart, soul and body, and the other is to love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus spoke in plain words of truth and compassion, the twin tools of real change. One of the problems with every hot button social, political issue is conservatives and liberals take their positions and neither will budge. Liberals preach "compassion" and understanding, while conservatives tout a standard of moral "truths." One appears to be loving and giving; the other seems cold and dictatorial. But neither position affects real change and only makes the other side dig deeper into their positions. And each has a tendency to assume the moral high-ground.

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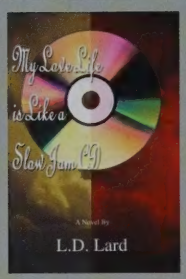
But truth and compassion need each other, like water needs rain, the sun needs the sky, and people need love and understanding. They are twin tools of a loving God.

Now that leads me to one of the greatest philosophical questions around ... what is truth and whose truth should we live by? Well, that's another subject for another blog.

Lauren Green serves as a religion correspondent for the FOX News Channel. Prior to this, Green served as a news anchor for "Fox and Friends," where she provided daily news updates and covered arts for the network.
rarchy of Catholicism makes it a moot point as far as church doctrine is concerned.)

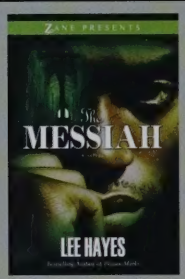
DRIFTING TOWARD LOVE by Kai Wright

Drifting Toward Love: Black, Brown, Gay, and Coming of Age on the Streets of New York tells the story of one such teenager and his friends as they embark on their own precarious journeys to belonging. Wright neither diagnoses their problems nor prescribes solutions, but instead uses his own literary and journalistic skill to allow a more complete and human portrait to emerge. The narrative describes their heroism and their mistakes, their victories and their tragedies. In doing so, it unfurls a powerful, emotional, and at times troubling story that anyone who has navigated adolescence will recognize.



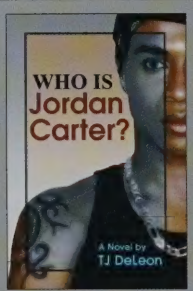
MY LOVE LIFE IS LIKE A SLOW JAM CD by L D Lard

When a man constantly has to question his sexuality, he leaves room for uncertainty. In the interim many men realize that a discreet sexual experience can linger for a lifetime. Throughout the novel Marcus Graves battles a sexuality that he cannot accept, while leaving a trail of scorned men and women in his wake. At the culmination of his relational experiences he discovers the beauty in how music captures life's experiences, speaks the truth when words cannot be found, and acts as an anthem when we are happy and sad. This is the story of his love life through the tracks of a slow jam cd.



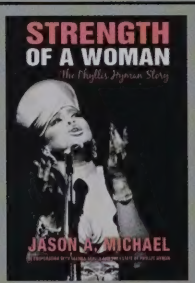
THE MESSIAH (Zane Presents) by Lee Hayes

In this heart-pounding thriller full of dark passion, an ambitious investigative reporter faces off with a mysterious serial killer who might just turn out to be his own lover. The personal stakes have never been higher, and readers will be on the edge of their seats to see what awful truths are uncovered in this take of misguided passion, deadly secrets, and thrilling danger.



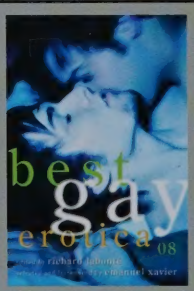
WHO IS JORDAN CARTER? by T. J. DeLeon

Ambitious, aspiring singer Jordan Carter always had dreams of making it big in entertainment. But when the industry and his family force him to live a closeted lifestyle, they squander his hopes of being completely happy. When Jordan rebels and embarks on a journey of self-discovery, he learns the harsh reality of what it is to be black and gay in America. Follow Jordan through his world and experience bigotry, sex, lies, and love through his eyes. Jordan's story is one of homophobia, racism, the pressures of family and religion, regret, passion and hope.



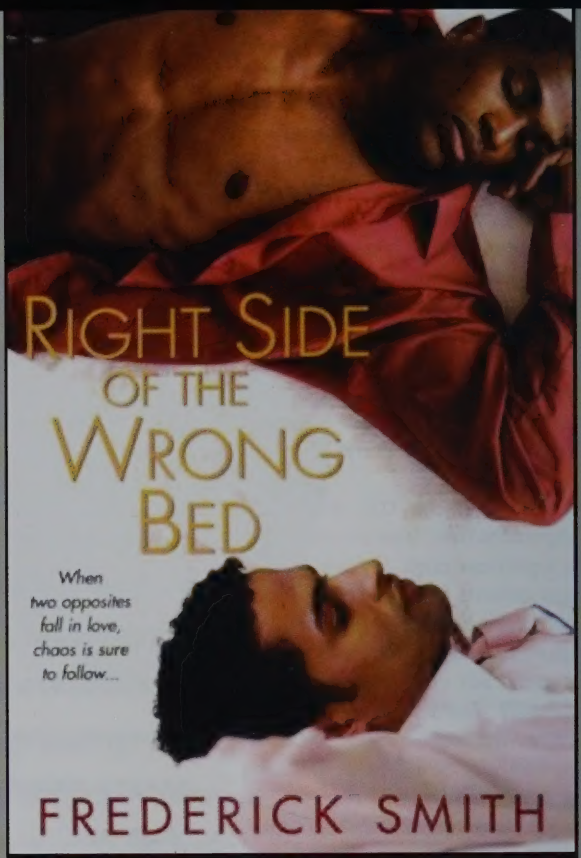
STRENGTH OF A WOMAN: ***The Phyllis Hyman Story*** by Jason A. Michael

"Strength of a Woman: The Phyllis Hyman Story" explores the tormented soul that existed beneath Hyman's statuesque beauty and captivating stage presence. The singer's 20-year career, which included the release of eight albums and a Tony nomination and Theatre World Award for her Broadway turn in Sophisticated Ladies, was brought to a tragic end by her suicide June 30, 1995, just hours before she was due to perform at the legendary Apollo Theatre.



BEST GAY EROTICA 2008 by Richard Labonte (Editor), Emanuel Xavier (Introduction)

Whether you like it rough and surly, smooth and sultry, or quick and raw, you'll find it in Best Gay Erotica 2008. Here are 20 of the hottest and best-written man-on-man sex stories to appear in print this year. In "Underground Operator," two men on a nearly empty subway platform indulge in forceful, anonymous sex that lets them momentarily forget the stifling summer heat. "Donuts to Demons" finds a self-described "rock-'n'roll art fag" searching for a lover "as patient and gifted and generous as he advertised on craigslist."



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Right Side of the Wrong Bed
by Frederick Smith

Breaking all the rules...

At thirty-three, Kenny Kane seems to have it all: good looks, a great career as a university administrator, a silver BMW, a sprawling home in the tony hills of Monterey Park, and a hot firefighter for a boyfriend—that is until he cheats on Kenny with a woman! After devoting the past seven years of his life to his ex, the last thing Kenny needs is to get involved with someone new. So when he meets Jeremy Lopez at a West Hollywood bar, Kenny is content to just buy him a drink and leave it at that.

Is the only way to go...

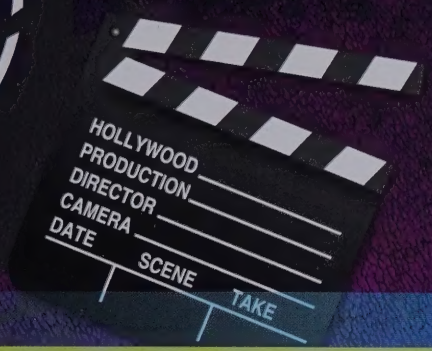
But Jeremy won't take "no" for an answer. Six feet tall, dressed in baggy, low-rise jeans and sporting plenty of bling, Jeremy is "straight-up East L.A." He's also a mere twenty-one-years-old—and Latino. Except for the one white boy back in college, Kenny's always dated other African-American men.

When it comes to getting what you want...

But he can't deny the chemistry between them. And before he knows it, Kenny's having the time of his life—hanging with Jeremy and his boys...clubbing and hitting the frat parties...feeling like a kid again. But how long can a thirty-something like Kenny keep it up? And is he really gonna find what he's been looking for with a kid like Jeremy—or will Kenny wake up feeling like he's on the right side of the wrong bed?

"Reads like real life...this smart and touching novel just won't entertain you. It'll make you think and perhaps even remember." —Black Artemis, author of Burn

"Funny, touching, and intoxicating. Smith has written yet another compulsive read." —Maurice Jamal, writer and director of Dirty Laundry and The Ski Trip



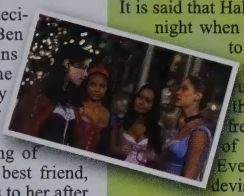
IN THEATRES THIS MONTH

OCTOBER 5TH
The Heartbreak Kid

Single and indecisive, Eddie (Ben Stiller) begins dating the incredibly sexy and seemingly fabulous Lila. Upon the urging of his father and best friend, Eddie proposes to her after only a week, fearing this may be his last chance at love, marriage, and happiness. However, while on their honeymoon in sunny Mexico, Lila reveals her true beyond-awful nature and Eddie meets Miranda, the woman he realizes to be his actual soul mate. Eddie must keep his new, increasingly horrid wife at bay as he attempts to woo the girl of his dreams.

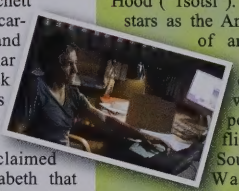
OCTOBER 5TH
Trick 'r Treat

It is said that Halloween is the night when the dead rise to walk among us and other unspeakable things roam free. The rituals of All Hallows Eve were devised to protect us from their evil mischief, and one small town is about to be taught a terrifying lesson that some traditions are best not forgotten. Nothing is what it seems when a suburban couple learns the dangers of blowing out a Jack-o-Lantern before midnight; four women cross paths with a costumed stalker at a local festival; a group of pranksters goes too far and discovers the horrifying truth buried in a local legend; and a cantankerous old hermit is visited by a strange trick-or-treater with a few bones to pick.



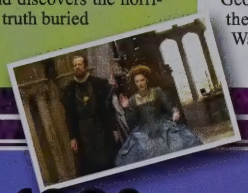
OCTOBER 12TH
Elizabeth: The Golden Age

Actress Cate Blanchett returns to her Oscar-nominated role and director Shekhar Kapur steps back into the director's chair for this belated sequel to the critically acclaimed 1998 biopic Elizabeth that explores the 16th century romance between the "Virgin Queen" and noted adventurer Sir Walter Raleigh (Clive Owen). Michael Hirst teams with William Nicholson to pen the screenplay, and actor Geoffrey Rush returns to the role of Sir Francis Walsingham.



OCTOBER 19TH
Rendition

Reese Witherspoon, Jake Gyllenhaal, Meryl Streep, Peter Sarsgaard and Alan Arkin star in "Rendition," a thriller from director Gavin Hood ("Tsotsi"). Witherspoon stars as the American wife of an Egyptian-born chemical engineer who disappears on a flight from South Africa to Washington. The woman desperately tries to track her husband down, while a CIA analyst (Gyllenhaal) at a secret detention facility outside the U.S. is forced to question his assignment as he becomes party to the man's unorthodox interrogation.



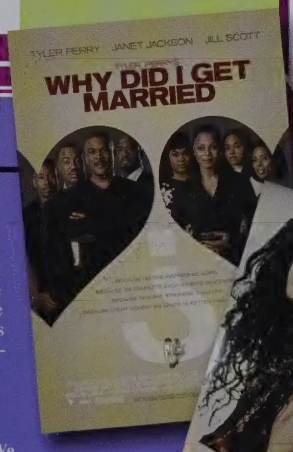
COMING SOON

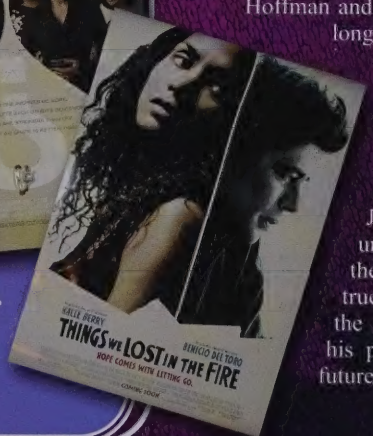
TYLER PERRY'S WHY DID I GET MARRIED? (Oct. 12th)

"Why Did I Get Married?" is an intimate story about the difficulty of maintaining a solid love relationship in modern times. During a trip to the picturesque snowcapped mountains of Colorado, eight married college friends have gathered for their annual seven-day reunion. But the cozy mood is shattered when the group comes face-to-face with one pair's infidelity. As secrets are revealed, each couple begins questioning the validity of their own marriage. Over the course of the weekend, husbands and wives take a hard look at their lives, wrestling with issues of commitment, betrayal and forgiveness as they seek a way forward.

THINGS WE LOST IN THE FIRE (Oct. 19th)

After an unspeakable tragedy, two people get a second chance at life in "Things We Lost in the Fire." When Audrey Burke (Halle Berry) loses her husband in an act of random violence, she forges an unlikely relationship with Jerry Sunborne (Benicio Del Toro), her husband's best friend from childhood. Jerry is a heroin user; his addiction has destroyed everything that was once important to him. As Audrey discovers that Jerry is the only person who can help her survive her loss, Jerry finds the strength to overcome his own problems. Acclaimed Danish director Susanne Bier helms.





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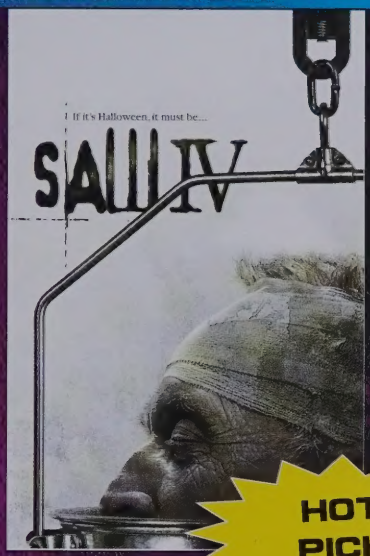


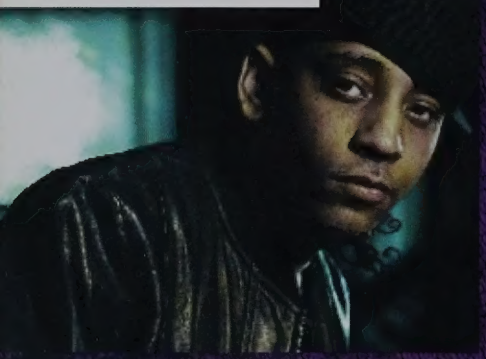
HOT PICK

OCTOBER 26TH

Upon the news of Detective Kerry's murder, two seasoned FBI profilers, Agent Strahm (Scott Patterson) and Agent Perez, arrive at the depleted police precinct and help veteran Detective Hoffman (Costas Mandylor) sift through Jigsaw's latest grizzly game of victims and piece together the puzzle. However, when SWAT Commander Rigg, the last officer untouched by Jigsaw (Tobin Bell), is suddenly abducted and thrust into the madman's harrowing game, the officer has but ninety minutes to overcome a series of interconnected traps...or face the deadly consequences.

Rigg's citywide pursuit leaves a wake of dead bodies, and Detective Hoffman and the FBI uncover long hidden clues that lead them back to Jigsaw's ex-wife Jill (Betsy Russell). The genesis of Jigsaw's evil is unveiled, exposing the puppet master's true intentions and the sinister plan for his past, present and future victims

NEW RELEASES



J. HOLIDAY	*Back of My Lac*
Capitol	October 2

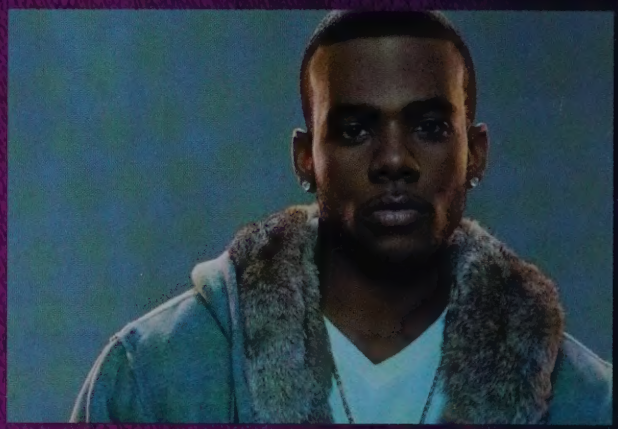
The buzz on the street is solid and building for J. Holiday, the newest signing to the Music Line Group/Capitol Records roster, whose first single "Bed" has been picking up true believers on radio stations everywhere, setting the scene for the October 2nd release of J's hotly anticipated debut album, *Back of My 'Lac*. One listen to "Bed" is all it takes to get right to the heart of the musical world occupied by 22-year-old singer/songwriter J. Holiday. A classic rhythm and blues storyteller in the tradition of Marvin Gaye, Otis Redding, Donny Hathaway, and Al Green — the foundations of J's soul when he was a teenager in DC — he was also caught up in the hip-hop rhymes of Jay-Z and OutKast. Add to that his fascination with '90s R&B vocal groups Boyz II Men, H-Town, and Jodeci, and a portrait emerges of the artist as a young man. "You just have to stay true to yourself," J. says of his journey. "There are a lot of different stories out here and people just need to listen to them."

Go is the upcoming album by singer Mario. The album was originally scheduled to be released on November 28, 2006 under the title "Mario Barrett - Effortless." It was to be the first album in which Mario would use his full name, Mario Barrett. The release date then got moved to April 4, 2007. And again, the release date was moved to May 8, 2007 then to July 31, 2007, and once again, to August 21, 2007, and now is set for October 30, 2007.

The new album includes songs written and produced by Ne-Yo, Johnta Austin, Akon and Pharrell with production by Stargate, Dre & Vidal, Mr. Collipark, Timbaland, Sean Garrett, Warren Campbell, Jim Jonson, Jonathan Rotem and, with guests such as Alicia Keys, Nelly and Juelz Santana, among many more. It is also rumored that this will be Mario's first album that contains a "Parents Advisory" sticker, because of songs, from the album that contain adult lyrics.

In a previous interview, Mario revealed that he worked with Akon on an introspective record, called "Do Right". The track will appear on the final release of *Go*. Aside from this interview, Mario also stated he worked with Scott Storch on the album *Go*, but has not included any of the material in the new album.

It is rumored that the reason why the album was pushed back to October is because the album title will be changed to Effortless and to give time for the promotions to be changed.



MARIO	*Go*
J-Records	October 30

CHRIS BROWN	*Exclusive*
Jive	October 30

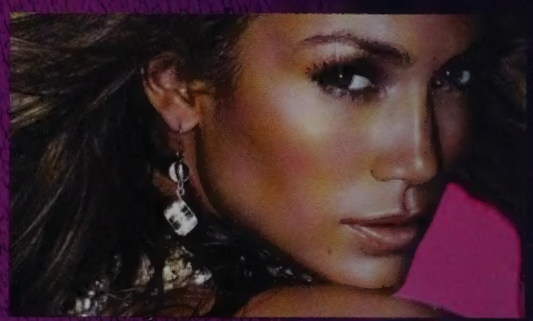
Teen R&B star Chris Brown is eyeing an October release for his sophomore album, *Exclusive*. Brown, who has also written several songs this time around, says recording has been like "a family reunion."

Among the songwriter/producers working on tracks are several from his self-titled first outing — Bryan-Michael Cox, the Underdogs, Sean Garrett and Scott Storch — as well as will.i.am.

Containing elements of rock and go-go ("Being from Virginia, I've got to go back to my go-go roots," says Brown), several tracks recently previewed by Billboard exhibit an edgier, more mature tone that meshes well with Brown's exuberant mix of R&B, hip-hop and pop. At deadline, a first single had yet to be chosen.

"I'm not trying to go grown," he told Billboard in December. "I'll be 18, but I'm not trying to go overboard and lose my fans. I'm trying to have a bit more mature songs, about sexuality and stuff like that. I'm not trying to go deep into it." One song, "Take You Down," was produced by the Underdogs. "In a sense, that's stepping over the 18, 19 boundary to get an older crowd," Brown says.

As for ongoing career comparisons to Usher, Brown says, "It's nice but I don't focus on that. I think I've strayed away from now. I'm in a lane of my own, just having fun and making it to the best of my ability."



JENNIFER LOPEZ	*Brave*
Epic	October 9

Six months on the heels of the Spanish-language album *Como Ama Una Mujer*, which reached No. 10 on The Billboard 200, Jennifer Lopez is returning to English for *Brave*, due Oct. 9 via Epic. First single "Do It Well" has already impacted radio stations in New York and Los Angeles.

Although the track list has yet to be announced, *Brave* is known to feature collaborations with such producers as J.R. Rotem, Ryan Tedder, Middi Mafia and Bloodshy. The album is the follow-up to 2005's "Rebirth," which spawned the No. 12 Billboard Hot 100 hit "Get Right."

LIL MAMA	*Voices of the Young People*
Jive	October 23

While rappers who sport the prefix Lil' might be a dozen, there is nothing common about 17-year-old Lil' Mama. The teenaged rap phenomenon's first commercial hit "Lip Gloss" is fastly becoming a celebratory anthem for girls of all ages. But unlike kiddie rappers who rely heavily on short-sited gimmicks, Lil' Mama is a multi-faceted artist who boasts the ability to sing, rap and write her own material. Her Jive Records debut, *Voice of The Young People* explores the mindset of a young woman who is truly wise beyond her years.

NICOLE SCHERZINGER	*Her Name is Nicole*
Interscope	October 16

"It's the introduction to who I am, because a lot of people know me as 'that girl from the Pussycat Dolls,' and people will get to know me now," Scherzinger told MTV News backstage at "TRL" earlier this week. "I've always said that in the Pussycat Dolls, I kind of feel like Superwoman. But that's just one of my alter egos. I've got the sweet little hula-girl side of me; I've got the Southern, Kentucky girl inside of me; I've got the mama's girl; I've got the vulnerable, lovesick side of me. [And] those are all on my record."

And if you think that's a lot of alter egos, just wait until you see the list of guests on *Her Name Is Nicole*, a virtual who's who of hit-makers that includes Kanye West, Akon, T.I.—who appears on the first single, "Whatever U Like," Timbaland, Ne-Yo, Will.I.Am, and Snow Patrol's Gary Lightbody, who penned the song "Just Say Yes."

She's quick to point out that *Her Name Is Nicole* is a much different effort than her work with the Pussycat Dolls, namely because ... well, this one is all about her.

"It's not so much that I'm trying to move away from the Pussycat Dolls, it's just that I have this music in me, and I knew I was supposed to put out this album," she explained. "I think a lot of my music is healing and helping in some way, or maybe it just makes people feel beautiful. I adore the girls, and we're going to do another [PCD] album together. It's just me coming into my own and not being afraid to strip everything away and be like, 'This is who I am and this is my music, and I want to share it with you on a personal level.' "

Angie Stone was once called the most prolific writer in music ten years ago, but that was ten years ago. The Columbia, SC native has been on the extreme low from a musical perspective, but she has been out and about recently to get the word in circulation regarding her new set.

Her upcoming Stax Records release is titled *The Art of Love and War*. "It's an old brand," said Stone of the revamped Stax imprint. "They approached me about doing a deal and I thought it would be an amazing union because they actually understand my music. I think in order for something to really go well, there has to be a marriage. You can't have 13 things going on in one company. I sat down and talked with them and let them know what my vision was."

The Art of Love and War is a moniker that's not just there for flash. Stone says, when it comes to her albums, there's always a method to the madness. "Because it's a war out here and you have to have a lot of love [for music] in order to stay in it for as long as I have," said Stax Records' newest legend.

Sometimes success in the music industry is all about timing and it appears as though Ms. Stone missed her timing on that project. Flash forward to 2007 and Miss Stone is now at Stax Records where, right now, at least, the spotlight is squarely on her.

Stone's move to Stax appears to be paying off. Her single with Betty Wright, "Baby," is in high rotation at urban radio. Her album *The Art of Love and War* was originally scheduled for release on September 18.

ANGIE STONE	*The Art of Love And War*
Stax	October 16

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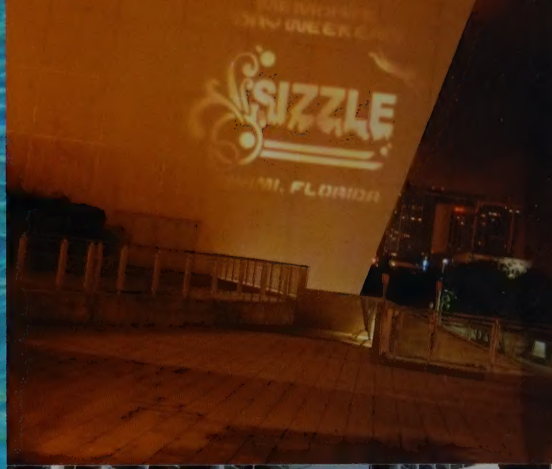

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